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Assad : Lebanese army should attack militias in south

Beirut, April 27 (Agencies) — Syrian President Hafez Assad has said the Lebanese army should attack Israeli-backed right-wing militias which control a strategic border belt in southern Lebanon.

Assad, in an interview broadcast by Damascus radio Friday, said that if Israel resisted such a move the world would know that the Jewish state had annexed the area.

The United Nations Security Council Thursday called for fresh efforts to restore the Lebanese government's authority in the south. The area is torn by bitter clashes between Palestinian commandos and their leftist allies and the militias backed by Israel.

The emergency Council meeting followed four days of Israeli naval and artillery bombardment of Palestinian refugee camps and rural villages in which an estimated 30 persons were killed and more than 100 wounded.

Assad said: "The Lebanese army has to go south in force. It can easily overpower the militias. If Israel intervenes the whole world will know the naked truth that Israel has annexed another portion of Arab territory."

As an unofficial ceasefire appeared to be holding in the south, the speaker of the Leban-

ese parliament urged the U.N. peace force (UNIFIL) in the area either to take over the rightist strongholds or to go home.

Speaker Kamel Assad told reporters: "It would be better if these forces withdraw if it is proved that they are unable to carry out their duties."

The 6,000-strong force was deployed a year ago to supervise a withdrawal of Israeli invasion forces and help the government restore its authority in the south, but it has been firmly resisted by the right-wing militias.

In a statement read out Thursday by Security Council President, Ole Algaard of Norway, the world body called for strict respect for the territorial integrity, unity, sovereignty and political independence of Lebanon within its internationally recognized boundaries.

Lebanon requested the council meeting following Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim's report last week on the limited success of efforts by UNIFIL to achieve its objectives.

No mention was made in the council of Israeli raids against Palestinian targets in Lebanon.

Ghassan Tueni, the chief delegate of Lebanon, did not ask to

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Prince Sultan hopes Egypt will return to Arab ranks

KHAMIS MUSHAIT, April 27 — Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan says he hopes Egypt will soon rejoin the rest of the Arab world.

In an interview with "Okaz" while inspecting troops here, the prince said, however, that the Arab world is not represented by any one nation or any one government.

"We shall press on with our struggle to regain our rights in full, whether by war or peace," he said.

In the interview, published in Jeddah Friday, Prince Sultan also said that the Israel government will be frustrated in its designs in Southern Lebanon.

"The Arabs and the Muslim people, supported by the rest of



Prince Sultan the world, will not permit the Israelis to persist in their savagery," he said.

He added that the Israelis will not succeed in Southern Lebanon despite their provocations and opportunism.

The prince praised the state of readiness of the Saudi armed forces after watching a two-hour parade at the base here.

The achievements of the armed forces are a cause for pride for all Saudis and reflect the overall development and progress made by the Kingdom, he said.

"You are soldiers of Islam," he told the troops. "You are not a force for aggression but defenders of the faith, and you should prepare yourselves to regain holy Jerusalem and the other occupied Arab territories."

He said the armed forces are not

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Islamic revolution must not stop, Khomeini tells workers

TEHRAN, April 27 (AP) — Ayatollah Khomeini, Iran's national religious leader, Friday urged representatives of the nation's oil industry workers to carry on the Islamic revolution even if one of his children or himself were assassinated.

It was believed to be the first time that Khomeini has referred to an assassination of himself or members of his family in the many speeches he has made since returning to Iran in February and engineering the overthrow of the monarchy.

"If one of my children is assassinated or if I am assassinated, you must realize that our movement is not dependent on individuals and that it must go on," state radio quoted him as saying to the workers at his headquarters in the holy city of Qom.

He lauded the Iranian people for the revolution's success and in "throwing out the Americans from Iran" in his brief greeting to the workers' representatives from Khuzestan province in southern Iran where the petroleum industry is centered.

There was no indication that Khomeini's life was in danger despite the assassination of the former chief of the Islamic revolutionary forces Gen. Muhammad Vali Gharani last Monday. It was followed hours later by an attempt on the life of

Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan. The provisional regime said the incidents have prompted authorities to tighten their security measures for top government officials.

The 78-year-old Khomeini has been maintaining a heavy work schedule and meeting with many of the groups who come to Qom, 160 kilometers south of here, to pay homage to him since his return to Iran after 16 years in exile.

State radio added that Khomeini, in need of rest, decided to close his offices and take a week off starting Saturday because of fatigue and overwork.

Meanwhile, the Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP), which says 500 people have been killed in week-long clashes in northwest Iran, said Friday it feared a fresh outbreak of violence in a key garrison town.

Fighting in most of the region was reported to have died down Friday for the first time since the Kurdish and Turkish-speaking Azerbaijan communities started battling last Friday.

Assad to visit Iran

TEHRAN, April 27 (R) — Syrian President Hafez Assad has accepted an invitation to visit Iran at a date to be arranged, Iran's "Voice of the Islamic Republic" radio said Friday.

Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan, meanwhile, has accepted an invitation to go to Libya, the radio said.

No date has yet been fixed for Dr. Bazargan's visit, but his decision to accept the invitation is seen here as a definite sign that diplomatic relations between the two countries will soon be restored.

The Iranian army, which intervened on behalf of the Azerbaijanis earlier this week, is pushing heavily-armed Kurdish guerrillas back towards the border with Iraq. It is apparently aiming to recapture some of the military strongpoints which fell under Kurdish control in last February's revolution.

One of the garrison towns is Piranshahr, where the KDP, main political organization of Iran's 3.5 million Kurds, said it feared fresh clashes.

A KDP spokesman in Mahabad, capital of a short-lived independent Kurdish republic after World War II, said most of the Kurdish population of Piranshahr had fled because of the feared violence.

The spokesman accused the central government in Tehran of doing nothing to prevent the conflict spreading to Piranshahr.

The fighting began in the town of Naghadeh, 50 kilometers north of Mahabad, during a KDP rally last Friday.

Mahabad, Naghadeh and Piranshahr are all in the Iranian province of West Azerbaijan, in part of the territory where the Kurds are demanding political autonomy.

But although the villages are mostly Kurdish, the Kurds are outnumbered in most of the towns by the Azerbaijanis.

The KDP spokesman said all hostages held by the warring Kurds and Azerbaijanis, both groups with strong fighting traditions and divided by historical enmity, had been exchanged.

And in Tehran, about 500 persons describing themselves as supporters of the Iranian Fedayeen Khalq guerrilla group, staged a sit-in Friday at the Justice Ministry to protest the arrest and detention of 41 members of the leftist organization.

Egypt calls for end to PLO-Israeli fight

CAIRO, April 27 (Agencies) — Egyptian Defense Minister Lt. Gen. Kamal Hassan Ali appealed to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and Israel Friday to stop fighting and create a better atmosphere for talks on Palestinian autonomy.

Gen. Ali was speaking at a press conference after a 30-minute final round of talks with Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman.

"I hope these attacks on north Israel and subsequently the Israeli retaliations will stop, thus paving the way for a better atmosphere for the future negotiations on the Palestinian autonomy," he said.

Asked if such attacks would affect the Egyptian-Israeli autonomy talks due to start within one month, Gen. Ali said: "No. It will not affect the negotiations. But I think through some arrangements these attacks will stop."

He did not elaborate. Gen. Ali, asked whether Egypt would contact the PLO to try to stop the attacks, said: "Not for the time being."

Weizman sitting at his side said: "Unfortunately we are at war with the PLO. It is a different kind of war because we retaliate when something happens to us. Till now I just cannot see the termination of hostilities from the other side."

Gen. Ali said Israel's decision to set up more settlements on the West Bank would not help speed up the peace process and would make the forthcoming talks difficult.

Weizman, asked to comment, said: "We do understand Egypt's problems in the Arab world but I

hope the Egyptian authorities do understand some of our problems."

He added: "We will have some differences of opinion but having gone through a very interesting and fulfilling experience in the past 16 months I think future problems can be solved the same way previous ones were resolved."

Weizman said that President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Premier Menachem Begin would study a suggestion by Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu that there should be a peace conference in Geneva with the participation of Palestinian representatives to complete peace in the Middle East.

"President Sadat told me he is discussing it. I am sure Mr. Begin will also study it," he said.

Ceausescu, who made the suggestion after brief talks with President Sadat in Islamabad on Wednesday, apparently had in mind the reconvening of the Geneva Middle East peace conference.

The conference, co-chaired by the U.S. and the Soviet Union, met briefly in December 1973. Syria refused to attend but has since said the conference is the proper forum for an overall settlement and has bitterly attacked Sadat's peace treaty with Israel.

Ceausescu was widely reported at the time to have played a role in Sadat's visit to Jerusalem in November 1977 which led to the present treaty.



SIGHTSEEING : Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman during a sightseeing tour in downtown Cairo Friday. (AP Photo)

Vance favors patient approach over Arab reaction to treaty

WASHINGTON, April 27 (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance has urged a patient approach over Arab reaction towards the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

But he acknowledged he had hoped for "more cooperation" from Saudi Arabia which opted to break diplomatic ties with Egypt.

Referring to Saudi Arabia's decision at a meeting of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Thursday, Vance said: "I had hoped that we might have more cooperation."

But he described himself as a fairly patient person and said he did not believe decisions had to be immutable.

He indicated that the Arab countries' decision to impose an oil embargo on Egypt as a reprisal for signing the peace treaty would have no effect since Egypt was an oil exporter.

He said there was no indication that commitments previously

made to Egypt had been rescinded and said he had seen no changes in terms of broad investments in the country.

Asked about Israeli establishment of settlements in the occupied West Bank, Vance reiterated the U.S. position:

"We believe the establishment of settlements in occupied territory to be contrary to law and an obstacle to peace, particularly as we begin to move forward to the next phase of negotiations."

He said the settlements would be a hindrance to negotiations and that the United States had made its position clear to the Israelis.

Vance said the Camp David framework and the peace treaty were a major first step, but that there would be no final peace until the Palestinian problem had been dealt with.

He said he hoped other countries would "Begin to walk the path" that had been opened up.

The secretary was asked if Israel



Cyrus Vance

and Egypt would be able to bear the debt burden imposed by the military sales loans being made by the United States to help them go ahead with the peace treaty.

Israel is to get \$2.2 billion in credits and Egypt \$1.5 billion, both spread over three years.

He said he believed the two countries could absorb the long-term loans and that it would not be necessary to reduce the interest to concessional rates. He also said the new military equipment would help them to reduce their armed forces and save money in the long term.

The Foreign Relations Committee Wednesday adopted an amendment requiring the president to report annually on economic conditions in the two countries that might affect their ability to repay the loans.

Vance said a number of economically advanced nations had already indicated they were prepared to contribute substantial sums in economic aid to back up the peace treaty.

At a House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Subcommittee hearing, Assistant Secretary of State Harold Saunders reiterated that the United States would not initiate a dialogue with the Palestine Organization without first consulting Israel.

Norway backs moderate increases in oil prices

KUWAIT, April 27 (Agencies) — Norwegian Petroleum and Energy Minister Bjartmar Gjerde says that fixed moderate oil price increases were good for all.

The alternative would be huge price increases which would benefit neither side and produce negative results in their economy, the minister told a press conference Thursday.

The minister who arrived in Saudi Arabia Friday described as reasonable the 14.5 per cent staggered price increases which OPEC oil ministers decreed for 1979 at their conference in Abu Dhabi last December.

However, the Iranian oil shortage upset the price structure. OPEC ministers meeting in Geneva last month decided to bring forward the fourth quarter price increase to April 1 — an increase of about nine per cent. They also allowed market premiums on the prices.

The Norwegian minister said that the developments in Iran could have negative effects on the economic development of the industrialized countries and raise the cost of their manufactured goods.

He said his talks with the Kuwaiti oil minister, Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah had centered on exchange of views and information regarding oil prices.

Gjerde also said at the news conference his country wants to

sell oil "on a purely commercial basis" and has no intention of involving oil in politics.

Gjerde said that Norway will not impose conditions on companies producing oil from Norwegian North Sea wells or on those marketing its crude.

The inference was that Israel could acquire Norwegian oil from these companies, but not Norway directly.

Gjerde had said upon arrival that his government has no intention of selling oil to Israel for the time being, but that his government could not ensure the destination of oil once it was sold to companies.

From Saudi Arabia the minister will visit Iraq and Syria.

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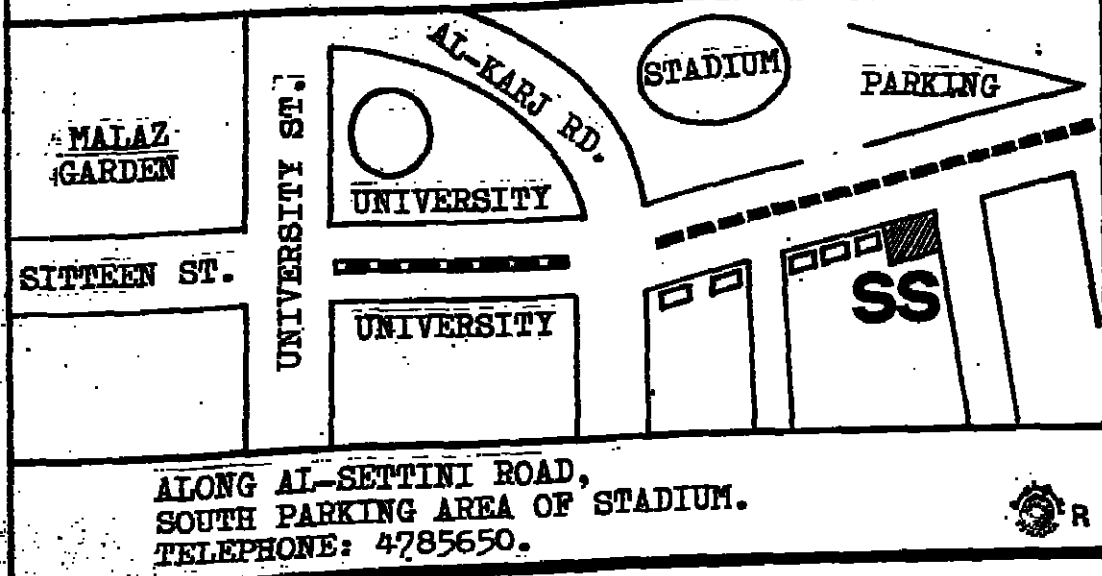
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Call for tenders soon, minister says

Bahrain causeway to be started in 1980

By a Staff Reporter

MANAMA, April 27 — Construction of the causeway which will link Saudi Arabia to Bahrain will start next year, "Al-Jazirah" reported Friday.

It quoted Yusuf Al-Shirawi, the Bahraini minister of development and industry, as saying that a call for tenders will soon be issued.

The 25-kilometer causeway is to be completed by 1984.

Saudi Deputy Minister of Communications Nasser Al-Salloum said last year that the project was expected to cost around 300 million Bahraini dinars, or about \$750 million. With ancillary works, the whole scheme was then thought to cost an eventual \$1 billion. Saudi Arabia is to bear the entire expense.

The causeway, which will carry

a four-lane highway, will also incorporate four bridges for navigation, the largest 90 meters long and 26.5 meters high to allow the passage of very large tankers. Salloum said.

Ali Murad, director of works at the Bahraini Ministry of Works, told the weekly magazine "Sada

Al-Usbu" last year that by the year 2000 29,000 passengers and 2,600 commercial vehicles would be expected to cross the bridge in half an hour at the busiest times.

There is also a possibility of the causeway being eventually used to carry power from the Kingdom to Bahraini. Bahraini Minister of

Works, Water and Electricity Majed Al-Jawshi said early in 1978 that within the next ten years Saudi Arabia was expected to be in a position to supply surplus power to his island, which has a limited capacity for generation. It would lead toward an integrated Arab grid on the pattern of Western Europe.

Four girls die in Jeddah crash

JEDDAH, April 27 — Four schoolgirls were killed here Thursday and 10 injured when their excursion bus overturned after colliding with a truck, "Okaz" reported.

A speeding tanker truck came out of the Karai turning on Medina Road and the bus driver had no time to swerve.

Aide to Zia

Pakistani official leaves

JEDDAH, April 27 (SPA) — Agha Shahi, foreign affairs adviser to President Zia Ul-Haq of Pakistan, left for London Friday morning after a two-day visit.

Shahi reviewed with Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal in Riyadh Thursday preparations for the Islamic Foreign Ministers Conference in Fez, Morocco, next month.

They also discussed various aspects of relations between their countries.

Hilal edges rival Nasr for soccer title

By David Smith

Jeddah, April 27 — Al-Hilal, Premier League champion in 1977, regained the title in Riyadh Thursday, when a 1-0 victory over close rival Al-Nasr gave it an unassailable lead at the top of the table. The Hilal winner was scored, inevitably, by Rivelino, in the second half, taking his tally to 10 in the last three matches, including seven against Al-Riyadh.

Nasr, having stayed in conten-

tion for the title for so long, now has 27 points, three behind Hilal, and with only one match to play, must settle as last year for second place.

In the Jeddah Derby played in front of a 40,000 crowd Friday, last year's champion Al-Ahli shared four goals with Al-Ittihad in an exciting match. This point ensures third place for Ittihad, but both Jeddah sides will have their eyes on the forthcoming King's Cup competition.

Ahli was still without injured midfielder international Ahmad Saghir, and it was Ittihad, with Theo Buecker prominent, who started the stronger. Ittihad's best chance came after 23 minutes when a surging Buecker run on the right gave Abu Samra a shot at goal, but the rangy striker could not control the ball. His shot rebounded from the bar, and Abdullah Othab's follow-up drive went wide of the post.

After this reprieve, Ahli came back into the game, and Tunisian International Tarek Diab began to show the skills which made him Africa's Footballer of the Year last season. On the half-hour mark he set up a chance for Imad Khojali, but goalkeeper Rawas turned his snapshot over for a corner.

Three minutes later, however, Ahli took the lead, and again it was Tarek who set it up. A fine run on the right took him into the penalty area where he turned three defenders inside out with a mazy run before flinging the ball to the far post for Amin Dabbo to head the ball past Rawas.

Ahli sweeper Wahid Johar had to be substituted in the 35th minute, but still Ahli came forward, and, after 39 minutes, a long through ball found Tarek free on the left wing. The Tunisian made ground before picking out the incoming Imad Khojali with a perfect cross, and the forward made

no mistake with powerful volley into the roof of the net.

After the interval, it was Ittihad who returned to the attack, and gained a penalty in the 55th minute when Fahd Eid was adjudged to have handled a Buecker shot. To the consternation of the Ittihad supporters, the cool German uncharacteristically pulled his shot wide of the post and Ahli was still two ahead.

The black and yellow stripes of Ittihad continued to press forward, with Buecker constantly in action, trying to atone for his miss. With 30 minutes to go, Ittihad was awarded a second penalty, and this time Buecker made no mistake with a low shot inside the right hand post.

A minute later Ittihad was level, and it was Buecker once more who started the move. A long left wing ball found Ghumaid free on the wing, and when the Tunisian crossed into the area, Abu Samra was in position to rise above the defense and head the ball home for the equalizer.

Ittihad had fine service from sweeper Issa Hawaja and from Buecker, but coach Dettmar Crammer must still be concerned about the lack of finishing power. Ahli coach Didi will likewise welcome the return to scoring mood of Dabbo and Khojali, and can point to the absence of the injured Saghir and Johar,

In Mecca

Saudi wins Quran contest

JEDDAH, April 27 — A Saudi, Fawzi Abdul Bari Awad, won the first prize at the International Holy Quran competition which ended at the Mecca Intercontinental Hotel Wednesday, "Al-Medina" reported Thursday.

Abu Bakr Al-Amin Al-Qadar from Chad won the second prize, and Ahmad Ahmad Al-Qaryou from Libya won the third prize.

After distributing the prizes, cash awards and certificates of honor to the laureates, Minister of Higher Education Sheikh Hassan ibn Abdullah Al-Sheikh commended the results of the contest, which was transmitted by live radio and television to several Muslim countries.



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Mauritania's stand on Sahara unchanged

NOUAKCHOTT, April 27 (Agencies) — Mauritania has denied that it had changed its position on the future of the Western Sahara where it shares jurisdiction with Morocco.

The Libyan News Agency IANA reported earlier Thursday that Mauritania had agreed to hand over its part of the area to Polisario Front guerrilla forces which have been fighting for its independence.

IANA said Mauritania had agreed to the handover in a protocol signed by its foreign minister during a visit to Libya.

But a Mauritanian Foreign Ministry spokesman Thursday told Reuters that his country's policy did not go beyond recognizing the right of the Western Saharan people to self-determination and readiness for a dialogue with the Polisario Front and the parties concerned.

The spokesman said this position had been the subject of an exchange of views between Foreign Minister Hamedou Ould Abdallah and the Libyans.

He said the protocol had only noted his country's official position, which remained unchanged.

The spokesman said any other interpretation of events during the Mauritanian minister's visit to Libya last weekend was invalid and did not represent the official position of Mauritania.

He said Mauritania's policy had not changed since it was outlined on April 13 by Prime Minister Ahmad Ould Bouceif, who said his country was ready to negotiate peace with honor with the Polisario and its Algerian backers.

The Polisario has been fighting for control of Western Sahara since it was ceded to Mauritania and Morocco in 1976.

Mauritania governs about a third of the territory. The Polisario declared a unilateral ceasefire with Mauritania last summer but has stepped up attacks on Moroccan forces.

Informed sources in Paris said Thursday that Lt.-Col. Bouceif would make a two-day official visit to France next week and would meet President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing.

The visit was originally planned for the middle of May but has been brought forward, and the Saharan question is likely to be the main item on the agenda, the sources said.

In Rabat, the government refused to comment Thursday on the Libyan reports.

Moroccan officials said it would not comment until it receives official confirmation from Mauritania of the accord reported by IANA.

These officials said "our partner" Mauritania had always affirmed its commitment to a "global peace" in the area and that Morocco had no reason to believe that position had changed.

Pakistani thief to lose hand

MULTAN, Pakistan, April 27 (R) — A court Thursday sentenced a man accused of theft to have his hand cut off under Islamic laws introduced recently by President Zia Ul-Haq. This was the first case in which an amputation sentence had been announced since the formation of Islamic courts a few months ago.

Iraqi minister ends Beirut visit

BAGHDAD, April 27 (R) — Iraqi Foreign Minister Sadoun Hammadi returned here Thursday after a two-day visit to Lebanon during which he had talks with local officials on the Lebanese situation.

Mugabe envoy meets Iran minister

TEHRAN, April 27 (R) — An envoy from Robert Mugabe, leader of the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU), had talks Wednesday with Iran's new Foreign Minister Ibrahim Yazdi, the official Pars news agency has said. The envoy, Mzenda, said he had come to study characteristics of the Iranian revolution and to present a message to Ayatollah Khomeini from Mugabe.



MIDEAST ENVOY: President Carter faces a Washington press briefing Tuesday with special trade negotiator Robert Strauss as he announces that he is nominating Strauss to be ambassador-at-large for the Middle East during the transition toward peace between Egypt and Israel. (AP photo)

Dayan in Nepal seeking support for peace treaty

KATMANDU, Nepal, April 27 (AP) — Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan has sought Nepal's support to do whatever it could among the nonaligned countries in his mission to seek support for the peace treaty with Egypt and a comprehensive Middle East settlement.

Speaking at a dinner hosted by Nepal's Education Minister Pashupati Rana, Dayan said Thursday night, "I ask you to do what you can do among the nonaligned countries to be in sympathy and to be helpful in this mission."

Dayan, who arrived here Thursday evening on three-day visit, said Israel and Egypt had difficulties in reaching a peace accord.

He claimed Israel was taking a risk by pulling out of Sinai, but added "it is worthwhile in order to have peace with a neighbor."

Dayan then asked other countries in the Middle East to come forward for talks and negotiations on the basis of U.N. resolutions.

Dayan said, "Let us sit down, negotiate for peace on the basis of Security Council Resolutions 242 and 333 without any preconditions. As simple as that. This is the way we dealt with Egypt and this is the only and proper way to do it."

Dayan added, "I want to use

this opportunity to ask you to be helpful. And when you are asked to express your views and play your role among the nonaligned countries not to be on our side but to be on the side for peace."

Dayan said, "I do not know if you are aware of all the problems and difficulties that both countries, Egypt and ourselves, had and still have to go through in order to achieve the treaty, to turn away from war and to establish peace and normal relationship."

He said, "President Sadat is convinced that the only way for all the Arab countries and, especially Egypt, is to stop that policy of wars. We had four wars in 30 years of fighting."

Mubarak in Jakarta for talks with Suharto

JAKARTA, April 27 (AP) — Egyptian Vice President Husni Mubarak arrived here Friday for a three-day official visit at the invitation of his Indonesian counterpart, Adam Malik.

He was greeted with full military honors, including a 19-gun salute upon his arrival Jakarta air-

Kyprianou-Denkash talks set for May 17

UNITED NATIONS, April 27 (Agencies) — The United Nations has announced that the first meeting in two years between Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders, aimed to promote a political settlement for Cyprus, would take place in Nicosia May 17-19.

An announcement Thursday said U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim will attend the meeting between Cyprus' President Spyros Kyprianou, a Greek Cypriot, and Rauf Denkash, Turkish Cypriot leader in Turkish-occupied north Cyprus. It will be the first of its kind since Kyprianou's predecessor in the presidency, Archbishop Makarios, met with Denkash some months before he died in the summer of 1977.

The dates were set out in the announcement that a high U.N. official from Peru was about to travel to Cyprus to make arrangements for the meeting, which will mark the revival of intercommunal talks on Cyprus' future. The announcement said:

"Mr. Javier Perez de Cuellar, undersecretary-general for special political affairs, is planning to go to Cyprus on 30 April in preparation for the high-level meeting which is expected to take place in Nicosia under the personal auspices of the secretary-general from 17 to 19 May."

Mr. Perez de Cuellar also intends to visit Athens and Ankara.

The Greek and Turkish governments have been involved in encouraging the intercommunal talks from time to time as friends and advisers of the Greek and Turkish Cypriots, respectively.

In Washington meanwhile, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance said Thursday there had been little

progress toward a settlement of the Cyprus dispute over the last six months despite the best efforts of the United States and the United Nations.

But he said there was a possibility of opening up a dialogue between the Greek and Turkish communities on Cyprus when meetings were held in Nicosia next month.

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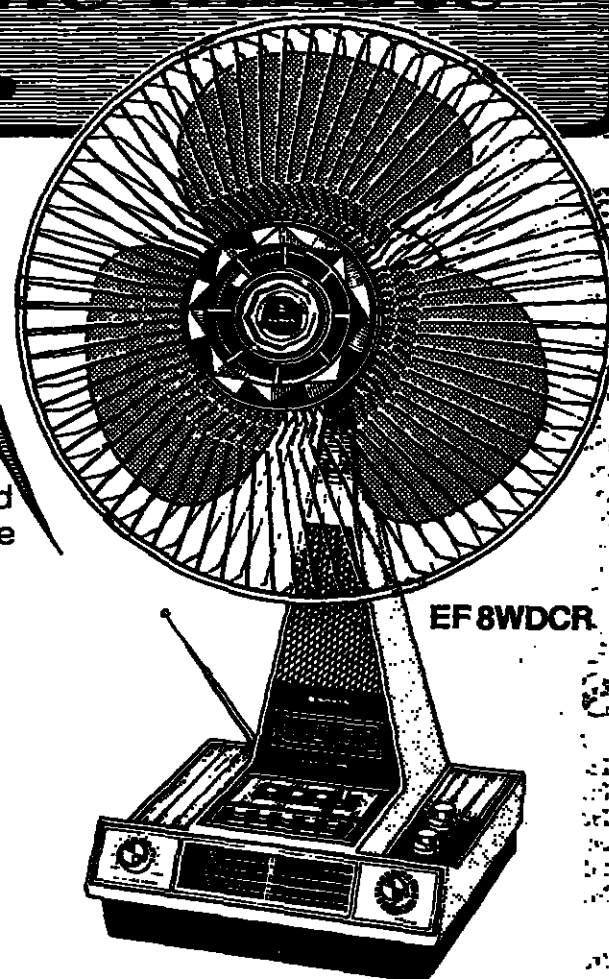
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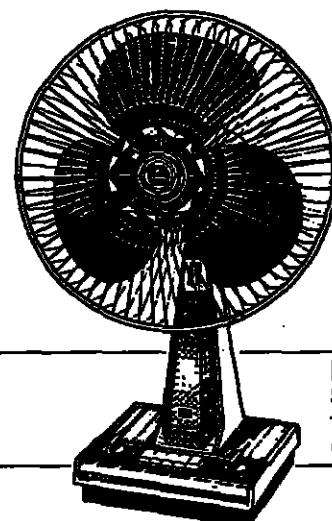
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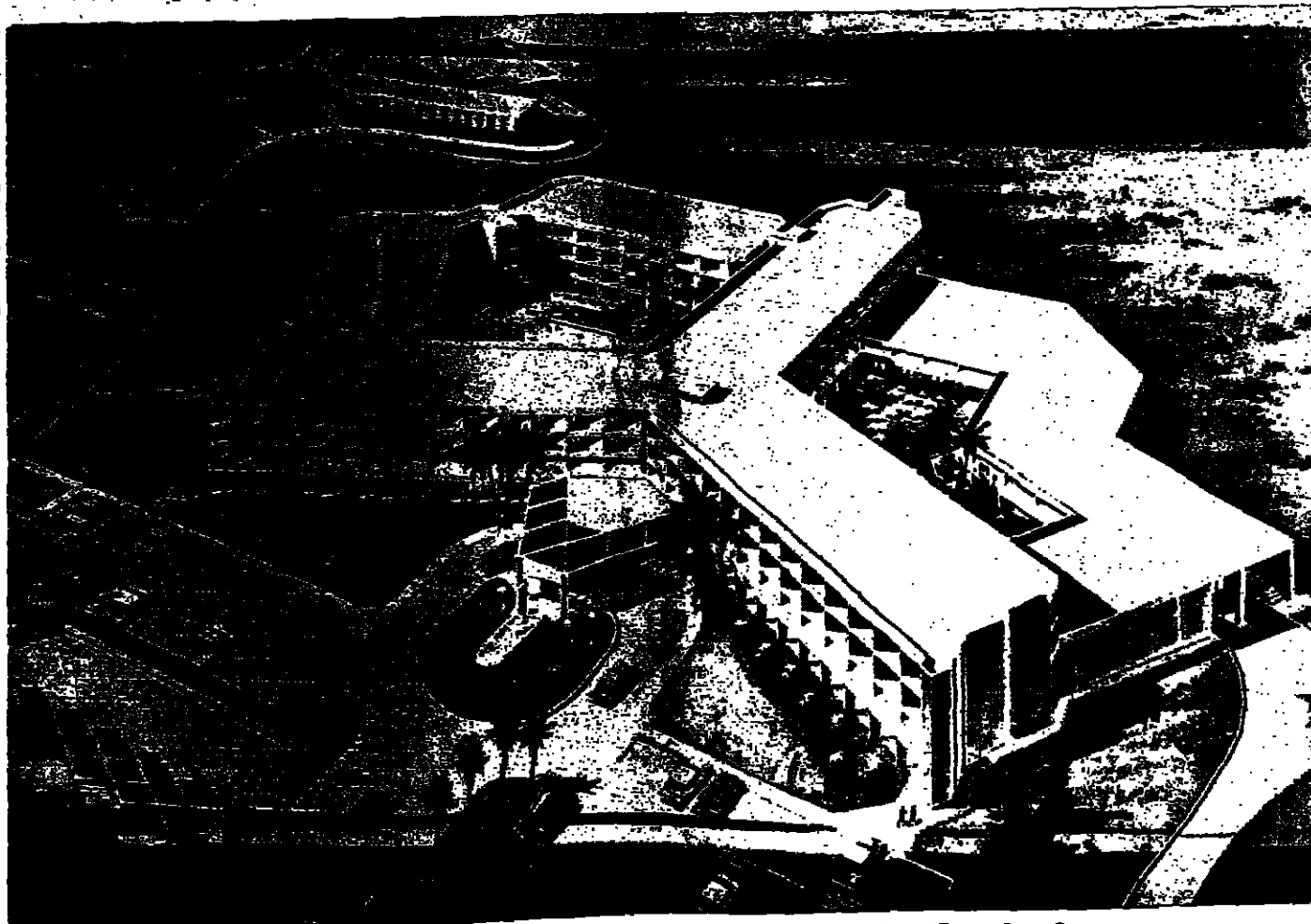
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Brezhnev welcomes French president

MOSCOW, April 27 (AP) — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev has welcomed French President Giscard d'Estaing and said Soviet-French relations "serve as a sort of barometer of détente."

Giscard arrived Thursday for three days of summit talks with Brezhnev, who looked a bit pale and appeared to have difficulty walking as he shook hands with the French president at an airport ceremony.

At a Kremlin dinner in Giscard's honor, Brezhnev said that Soviet-French summits "usually bring good, weighty results" and said it is necessary for the two countries during these talks "to learn better each other's positions, to try to bring them closer together."

In his speech, Brezhnev

touched on China's recent invasion of Vietnam but surprisingly did not directly mention the country's name and instead referred to it only as "a large power."

"Not long ago, the world was subjected to what can be described as a shock. A large power resorted to the use of weapons, invading a neighboring country and cynically declaring that it wishes to teach it a lesson. And though this venture has flopped, serious conclusions can be made from this," he said.

Brezhnev, who in the past has rarely missed an opportunity to lash out at Peking's leadership directly, noted that the invasion had threatened to erupt into "A world war."

"We are for restraint, for a balanced approach," he told the elite

gathering. "We are also for firm resistance to aggression, should this be necessary. The Soviet Union upheld such a position in the period when the threat of a world war was growing. And we keep to this position today."

When China sent its troops into Vietnam Feb. 17, the Soviet Union responded by supporting its Southeast Asian ally verbally and giving military aid, but without sending in troops of its own.

Speaking in reply, Giscard told Brezhnev that "France appreciated the restraint that was displayed by the Soviet Union during the recent events in Southeast Asia."

The Frenchman added, "I know, Mr. Chairman, how far these fruits of détente are the result of personal activity and they



President Giscard

encourage us to go ahead along the road we have taken. The time has come, indeed, to pass on to a new stage."

Blames Vietnam for war

China rejects Hanoi peace proposal

PEKING, April 27 (R) — China has rejected Vietnam's suggestion that a demilitarized zone be established along their border and bitterly blamed Hanoi for their poor relations.

As a basis for peace China Thursday proposed instead an eight-point plan to settle fundamental differences.

Chinese vice-foreign Minister Han Nianlong repeatedly accused Vietnam of lies and slanders and of provoking their month-long war when he addressed the second session of peace talks in the Vietnamese capital.

Directly facing his Vietnamese counterpart, Phan Hien, Han condemned Vietnam's behavior and reproached it for ingratitude.

Vietnam, he said, had received more Chinese aid than any other country. New China News Agency reported.

As the second round of talks began in Hanoi, Chinese vice-foreign Minister Zhong Xidong (Chung Hsi-tung) Thursday announced at a Peking press conference that China rejected Hanoi's proposal for a demilitarized zone and a joint boundary commission.

Zhong said the proposal, put forward by Vietnam at the first session of peace talks April 18, would be nothing but a fraud unless fundamental differences

were solved first.

He drew attention to China's eight-point plan, presented by Han, which he said covered these fundamental points and constituted "a basic way to solve our disputes and restore normal relations."

He added that he did not think China's rejection of Vietnam's proposal doomed negotiations.

Chinese troops invaded Vietnam February 17 in what Peking

said was a punitive attack. It announced its withdrawal one month later.

China's eight-point plan called on both sides to respect the border laid down in treaties signed by China and France, then the controlling power in Vietnam, in the last century.

The treaties should form the basis for future negotiations on the boundary but both sides should in the meantime observe

the other's jurisdiction over pockets held for many years, it said.

Another point called for respect of each country's 12-mile territorial limit at sea and asked Vietnam to recognize the Spratly and Paracel Islands in the South China Sea as belonging to Peking.

The proposal called on each side to withdraw troops stationed abroad—a reference to Vietnamese forces in Laos and Cambodia

Victims of Amin forces

Newsmen's bodies flown to Kenya

NAIROBI, April 27 (AP) — The bodies of four Western newsmen murdered by soldiers in Uganda before the overthrow of President Idi Amin have been flown here and taken to the local morgue.

The bodies of two West Germans, Wolfgang Steins of "Stern" magazine and Hans Bollinger of the French picture agency "Gamma," have been positively identified.

The other bodies are believed to be of Swedish newsmen Karl Bergman of "Svenska Dagbladet" and Arne Lemberg of "Expressen." They were awaiting identification by experts scheduled to fly in from Sweden

Friday.

The bodies were received Thursday at an airport outside the city limits by Swedish Ambassador to Kenya Mrs. Cecilia Netalbrandt and West German Charge d'Affaires Eberhard Noldeke. The bodies are to be flown eventually to West Germany and Sweden.

The journalists, who tried to enter Uganda by boat from Kenya, were apparently shot at a place called Kitoshi, on the shores of Lake Victoria in Uganda.

Their bullet-riddled bodies were exhumed there and flown here.

Meanwhile, Ugandan exiles and Tanzanian army units, who earlier

this month toppled Amin's regime, were reported Thursday to be mounting a two-pronged offensive that was moving toward Amin's homeland in the northwest of Uganda in an effort to wipe out the last resistance.

Ugandan Justice Minister Dan Nabudere announced in Kampala Thursday that the provisional government of President Yusefu Lule, which has replaced Amin's military government, has formally asked Kenya for the extradition of Amin's former British advisor, "Major" Bob Astles.

Astles has been under custody in Kenya for the past two weeks after fleeing Uganda following the fall of Kampala to the invading Tanzanian and exile units.

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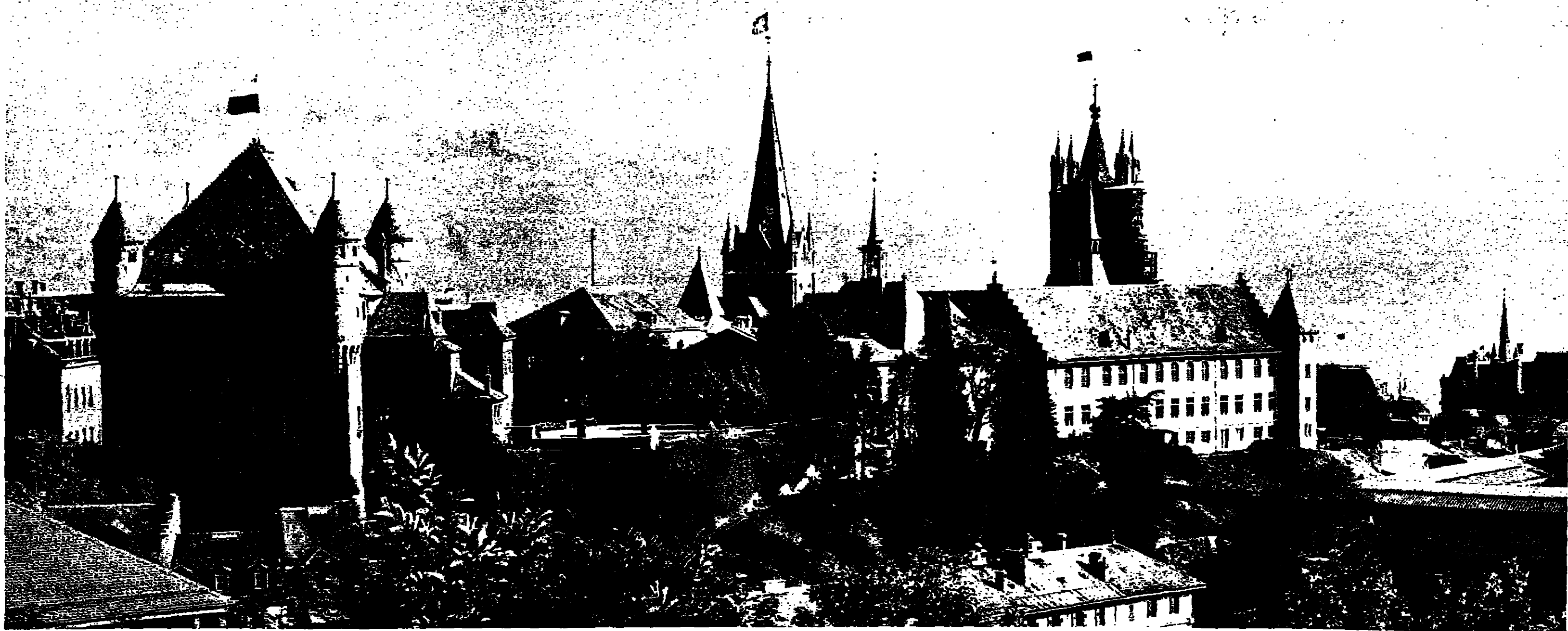
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Senate energy unit okays Carter's plan for rationing of gas

WASHINGTON, April 27 (AP) — The Senate Energy Committee breathed new life into President Carter's mandatory conservation plan Thursday by narrowly approving a standby gasoline rationing plan.

As late as Wednesday night, key members of the energy panel had predicted that Carter's rationing

proposal would be rejected. But the president offered a compromise designed to ease potential inequities of gasoline supplies among states and the committee voted 9-8 to recommend approval of the rationing scheme by the full Senate.

The House Commerce Committee has voted to reject the rationing plan, but it will get another chance on the House floor.

The Senate committee deferred action on a second Carter conservation measure, a proposal for presidential authority to close gasoline stations on the weekend.

The committee is expected to replace the proposal for weekend closings with an alternate proposal which would give governors authority to find their own methods for reducing energy use.

Under the revised Carter rationing plan — to be invoked only in the event of an emergency — gasoline coupons would be distributed on the basis of how many cars each person owns.

This means that a resident of New York state, who might drive 12 miles to work, would receive the same number of coupons as a person in Texas, who drove 40 miles to a job.

First "Times" weekly issue starts Sunday

ZEPPELINHEIM, West Germany, April 27 (AP) — The first issue of a foreign edition of "The Times" will roll off the presses Sunday despite the objections of West Germany's printers' union.

The Ter-Print Publishing Company, which prints a Turkish language newspaper, said its employees had agreed to work on the British project despite objections from the union Ig Druck Und Papier.

A company spokesman said the new foreign edition of "The Times" closed since November because of labor troubles, should be considered a new publication and therefore would not endanger British jobs.

Carter sends proposal to Hill

U.S. oil firms seen unhurt by profits tax

WASHINGTON, April 27 (AP) — President Jimmy Carter's proposed "windfall profits tax" will net the federal government only about \$1.5 billion of the more than \$15 billion oil producers are expected to get over the next three years under the president's oil price decontrol plan, presidential advisers said Thursday.

Details of the oil profits tax, including previously undisclosed exemptions, were revealed at a White House briefing after Carter

sent the proposal to Congress.

Before details of his plan were made public, Carter said the tax "is the only thing that stands between the oil companies and a huge bonanza of unearned, unnecessary and unjustified profits."

The administration has described the windfall tax as a 50 per cent tax on excess oil company profits, indicating the government would collect half the profit resulting from Carter's decontrol of oil prices.

But White House officials made



Surpasses France, U.K. U.S. inflation shooting higher

WASHINGTON, April 27 (R) — Inflation in the United States has overtaken that of France and Britain and is now the second highest among the leading industrial democracies, according to government figures released

Thursday. Prices in American stores are 10.2 per cent higher than they were 12 months ago. Last month this rate was 9.9 per cent.

Italy has the highest annual inflation rate at 13.7 per cent. France is third with 10.1, then Britain with 9.8 and Canada with 9.2

per cent. Calculated differently to get a more immediate trend picture, inflation in the United States hit a 13 per cent annual rate in the first three months of this year — the highest quarterly level in five years.

U.S. atomic commission divided over future of 5 nuclear plants

WASHINGTON, April 27 (R) — The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), deeply divided over whether to close seven reactors similar to one which broke down and spewed radiation into the atmosphere last month, was to have debated the issue Friday for the third successive day.

A decision had been expected on Monday, after the NRC held a public hearing on a recommendation by members of its staff that the seven Babcock and Wilcox (B and W) reactors be closed down on the grounds of public safety.

The reactor which broke down at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania last month, forcing the evacuation of pregnant women and young children from the surrounding area, was made by B and W.

Companies which operate the reactors told NRC commissioners at the hearing that closing them down could precipitate an energy crisis and drastically increase power costs.

The seven reactors are located in Florida, Arkansas, California, South Carolina and Ohio.

Three of them are closed for maintenance and safety checks. The four still operating include three at a plant in South Carolina and one near the California state capital of Sacramento.

NRC Chairman Joseph Hendrie, announcing Thursday that no decision had yet been taken, said commission members were

discussing the question intensely. The NRC's director of reactor regulation, Harold Denton, argued during the public hearing for an immediate closure of the plants for safety modifications to be carried out.

But Hendrie said Thursday the

commission needed time to carry out such a shutdown.

Five other U.S. nuclear reactors — not of B and W design — were also closed down last month because of fears they could not withstand an earthquake.

Ecuador's military rule ends with Sunday's vote

QUITO, Ecuador, April 27 (AP) — Ecuadorians will end their military dictatorship Sunday by electing a president and congress, becoming only the third country in South America to be ruled by a civilian democracy.

Soldiers and statesmen throughout South America are presumably circling the date on their calendars and asking themselves if a South American military dictatorship can transfer power to elected civilian leaders.

There seems no turning back in Ecuador, an oil-producing country on the Western bulge of the continent. The country, plagued with political instability in recent years, has been under military rule since February 1972.

The new president and 69 members of the national legislature elected Sunday are to be inaugurated along with a new constitution on Aug. 10.

The election has more than

local significance. Civilian democracy is rare in military-dominated South America, existing only in Venezuela and Colombia. Two of Ecuador's Andean neighbors, Peru and Bolivia, are ruled by military dictatorships which also have promised a return to constitutional government.

The administration of U.S. President Jimmy Carter has voiced support for the transfer of power in all three countries.

Bolivia tried last July 9 to elect a civilian president, but the results were ruled fraudulent. A general seized power, and in turn was overthrown by another general. New elections are scheduled for next July 1.

In Peru, the 11-year-old military regime has given a constituent assembly until July to write a new constitution. Elections have been promised, to be followed by inauguration of a president and national legislature by the end of the year or early in 1980.

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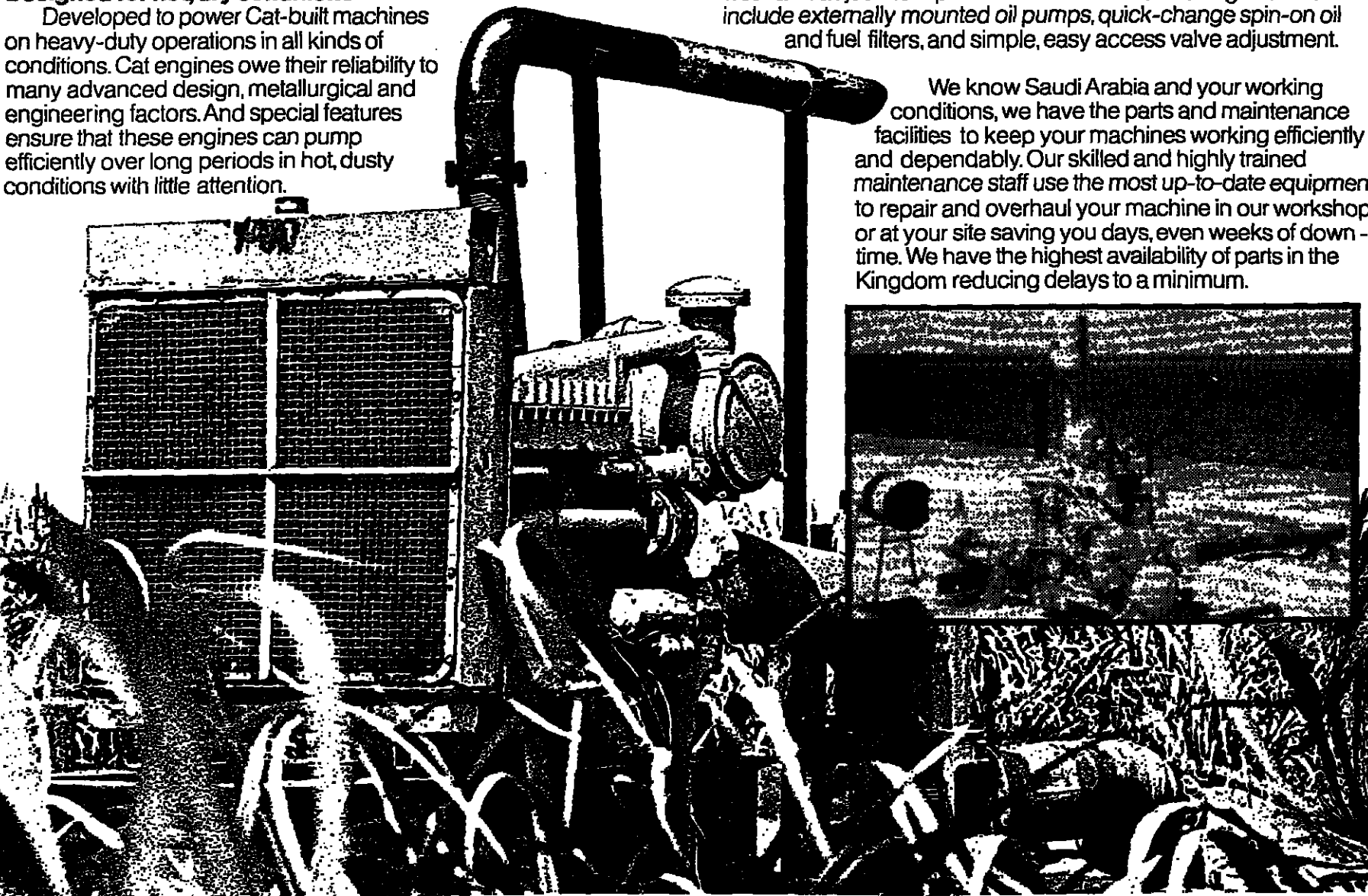
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Palestinian purposes and need for initiative

By Lord Caradon

Special to 'Arab News'

Amongst all the disappointments and frustrations and dangers of the Middle East and in spite of the many disasters of the past and the formidable barriers ahead, I am sure that we have a duty not to despair.

We must look back enough to understand what went wrong and why, and what caused past failures, but we must surely save most of our thinking and our planning and all of our energy for the future.

We may have a lot to be angry about and ashamed of, but we shall be compounding past mistakes and playing into the hands of those who deliberately delay if we waste time in accusation and denunciation.

I trust that we can convince all who suffer present injustice and humiliation that our duty is to be positive, to be confident, to be determined.

That is why I constantly remind myself of the two headings I have given to this article and speak of the three positive purposes of the Palestinians and the need for independent initiative.

After my last visit to the West Bank and Gaza earlier this year I wrote down in the simplest terms what the Palestinians had told me of their political purposes. In all the principal towns and in many villages too I heard the same main contentions. Of course there were some differences of emphasis and subject, but there was no disagreement in a general wide consensus.

These are the three private purposes of the Palestinians:

I. Freedom in a country of their own.

The Palestinians long for a country of their own in which they can freely elect their own leaders and take their own decisions and settle their own future.

II. Self government.
The Palestinians demand the right of self-determination in their own country free from confiscation of their lands and water, and free from alien colonization of their territory.

III. Jerusalem: A gateway to peace.

The Palestinians are determined to regain their own East Jerusalem with the Holy City not divided in the future by domination and barriers, but united in equal freedom, a gateway to lasting peace.

These are the positive purposes in which Palestinians are united — they want their own country, their own government, their own capital.

Who can say that these aims are unreasonable? What people anywhere in the world would be content with less?

So my simple, straight-forward contention is that every endeavor should be made to tell the whole world what the Palestinians want.

I can imagine the reply of many Palestinians and many others in the world. They might well say we are unreasonable.

"Yes. Of course. What you are saying is obvious. Of course the Palestinians want their own country, their own government, their own capital. Obviously so. Why waste time stating what is perfectly plain?"

But I say to them that the world does not grasp and does not yet accept these truths. Particularly in America, and to some extent in Europe too, the Palestinians are represented as rejectionists, as negative, as mere terrorists. It is of the utmost importance, I beg them to believe, to be positive not negative.

They must make it plain that it is not the Palestinians who reject peace. The Palestinians desire peace more than anyone, but what they want is a positive peace, a peace in which they can be free from military domination and arbitrary arrest and forced dispersal, a peace in which they can live in self respect as free men.

This is the cause, the noble cause, which must and can increasingly win world understanding and approval and support.

What will be the purpose of this new presentation of an honorable cause? Not merely to gain sympathy — it is not just an exercise in what the United States government recently referred to as "peaceful self-expression" (an insulting to true self-determination). The new presentation must invite not only understanding but action too — urgent action to prevent a perpetration of the decade of dreadful delay.

Here let me turn to state a general proposition. In international affairs where there is a deadlock it is often useless, or even dangerously provocative to put the two sides to face each other. Confrontation may harden differences and increase animosity. Mr. Ian Smith of Rhodesia is not likely to emerge in agreement from a closed meeting with Mr. Mugabe. Nor can President Kyprianou be expected to reach a sudden accord with Mr. Denktash in Cyprus. Nor can we anticipate that proximity would unite Mr. Begin and Dr. Habash in ready compromise.

So often in my long experience of international disputes a settlement has emerged not from direct negotiations between the parties to the dispute but from hard persistent work by an independent authority, with the independent authorities eventually putting forward a plan which neither side would have proposed but which both can finally accept.

That is the doctrine of the independent initiative.

And it is an independent initiative we need now in the Middle East, just as it was an independent initiative that led to a unanimous agreement in Resolution 242. Neither the United States nor the Soviet Union could have proposed that resolution but both in the end could accept it.

Now I go back to what I was saying about the positive purposes of the Palestinians. A new and positive statement of their purposes could rally world opinion and clear the way for a new independent international initiative.

Where should such an initiative be taken?

Preferably at the United Nations where all those involved (including the PLO) are represented. And a great deal of quiet, hard, persistent work would be required in conclusion with all concerned before an acceptable plan could emerge.

Who could take the initiative?

Possibly the European Community which has recently reaffirmed its policy on the Middle East in an agreed statement.

What should be the substance of the new international initiative? The purpose would be not to amend Resolution 242 but to add to it, to add to it by providing for a plan of implementation, the plan to include a timetable for Israeli withdrawal and provision for a two-year U.N. trusteeship of the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem during which a constitution would be drawn up and elections take place, with a time-table leading up to a Geneva conference to sign the final Peace Treaty.

But in order to get an effective independent international initiative — this is my strong conviction — it is first of all essential that the Palestinians should take public and positive action to make it clear that it is not they who are the rejectionists, as partisan propaganda pretends. They, the Palestinians, more than anyone, need and crave for peace. They should be declared and recognized as the champions of peace and freedom.

It was Ben Gurion who said:

"Peace is more important than real estate. A settlement the Arabs will not reluctantly agree to live with, but will enthusiastically welcome from their hearts as essential for our common future — that is our only true security."

I do not tire from saying that Israel must be secure, and the Palestinians must be free. Both are attainable. But not one without the other.

I do not need to emphasize that following Camp David the dangers for the Palestinian cause are greater than ever. The prize of self-determination seems more remote. So in the near critical stage in the Middle East the Palestinians should not be the last but the first to make their positive purposes known in the cause of freedom and a lasting peace.



Balkan states seek regional cooperation

By Paul Anastasiades

ATHENS —

The official visit to Greece Sunday by Bulgarian head of state Todor Zhivkov may well determine the fate of a four-year effort to establish a cooperative machinery among the Balkan states of diverse ideologies.

The Greeks are hoping to dissuade the Bulgarian objections — which Western European diplomats say are Soviet-inspired — to the effort to bring together members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and of the Warsaw Pact in the Balkans along with nonaligned Yugoslavia.

The diplomats contend that Moscow fears losing "control" over its allies' foreign policy activities.

Authoritative Greek Foreign Ministry sources say that if Bulgaria continues its objections, the four other interested countries will probably drop the project.

The current hope is for a second Balkan conference of multilateral technical and economic cooperation to take place, following the first one held in Athens in 1976 after the idea was first launched by Greek Premier Constantine Karamanlis.

Participants in that conference were NATO members Greece and Turkey, Warsaw Pact allies Romania and Bulgaria, and nonaligned Yugoslavia. The sixth Balkan state Albania, declined to participate.

Karamanlis said last month that he would know if a second Balkan conference would be possible after Zhivkov's visit.

The Greek sources said that at the first conference 155 proposals were submitted, 27 of them Bulgarian, for multilateral cooperation in such specific areas as road transport, joint exploitation of rivers for hydroelectric power, industrial pollution and joint promotion of Balkan tourism.

The agreement was for all countries to select and submit the best and most feasible projects among them. All countries have done so,

the sources said, except Bulgaria. Turkey additionally requested to host the second conference. Bulgaria said it supported only bilateral cooperation, and that it considered multilateral projects presently unfeasible.

"If Bulgaria continues objecting to multilateral cooperation then we other countries will not proceed without it," the sources said, adding: "We definitely want to avoid the impression of ganging up on anybody, since the idea is one of cooperation on mutually profitable projects and not a political alliance."

They also denied that a political formation was an ultimate aim.

"To imagine that a political organization could evolve from the mosaic existing in the Balkans would be unrealistic," said one official. "Multilateral technical cooperation would significantly improve the climate in the area, in the spirit of the Helsinki Agreement, and this may be its only political significance."

The sources also categorically denied reports that Premier Karamanlis' trips to Romania and Yugoslavia last month had been for the purpose of creating a pact between the three countries. But these two countries reiterated their support for multilateral cooperation, the sources added.

They said the Balkan movement could be compared to the "Nordic Council" among the Scandinavian countries, but without its political activities.

Western diplomats said there was little indication that Bulgarian objections would be lifted by the time of Zhivkov's Sunday visit, the second in the last four years.

Two years ago, the diplomats added, Czechoslovakia and Hungary expressed interest in participation apparently to increase the Warsaw Pact's presence in the proposed machinery. This was rejected however on the ground that these countries were not Balkan.

The diplomats said the United States favored the Balkan multilateral effort, but avoided any involvement. This was also confirmed by Greek sources. (AP)

COMMON GOALS

Not too many years ago, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries could look in vain for a friend in the industrialized North. But when the uproar died down again in 1974, it became apparent in two countries — Norway and Britain — that OPEC's pricing policies had made possible the North Sea oil boom. There was even a time when they worried that OPEC would lower prices, thus making their North Sea adventures too expensive to support.

Such fears disappeared long ago. Now it is the common practice of the North Sea producers to quietly raise their crude oil prices once OPEC — or, more specifically, the Arab members of OPEC — have incurred the North's wrath for price hikes, driving the industrialized world to the brink of some vague economic "disaster" that never quite seems to materialize. Not many people seem to notice that North Sea oil somehow finds a price level higher than the ones set by OPEC.

Norway has been particularly coy about communicating with OPEC on oil matters, apparently preferring to enjoy its distance. It is an understandable policy, if a rather parochial one.

Britannar Gjerde, Norway's Petroleum and Energy Minister, is now visiting Saudi Arabia after a stop in Kuwait, and it is a welcome tour he makes. Mr. Gjerde spoke of oil pricing moderation, applauding the December OPEC meeting in Abu Dhabi as an example of rational handling of oil affairs. He is interested in technology cooperation in offshore production and exploration.

There will be talk in the West of "blue-eyed Arabs," which is silly, regarding the minister's visit. What is really important about this visit is that it marks the realization of common goals between North and South. Norway appreciates the need for the rational use of world oil supplies, and this can best be accomplished when oil producers come together for intelligent discussion.

Equally important, Norway's position as a developed country which is also a major exporter of crude oil enables it to grasp — with far more sympathy than some of its European neighbors — the need of other oil exporters for technology transfer, for industrialization, for the development of a sound economy by making the best use of the resources at hand.

Mr. Gjerde's visit is only a beginning. It would be naive to think Norway will join OPEC in the foreseeable future, for example. But it is evidence of a cooperative spirit that has been sadly lacking in most quarters of the North, where the easy route of adversary demagoguery rises to the fore each time OPEC meets.

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Commenting on Prince Sultan's statement in Khams Mushait, "Olas" said his remarks "embody the Arab will to regain lost territories and rights by war or peace."

It said that the Arabs "will not accept anything less than their lands, their rights and Palestinian statehood for these are the ingredients of a lasting and just peace in the region. These demands are in conflict with Zionist plans and conduct since they occupied the lands and evicted the Palestinians, assisted by the superpowers of the day and by the present superpowers."

"Israeli provocations and aggression in southern Lebanon are another crime committed by Israel against the Arabs." The paper urged the United Nations "to act more vigorously to carry out its resolutions and secure Israeli acceptance of withdrawal from the occupied territories to pave the way for peace."

According to "Al-Jazirah"

"it is wrong to give the action by the renegade Lebanese commander Saad Haddad more importance than it deserves. Instead, we should concentrate on the central issue — the presence of three main forces in the country:

— The legal authority and the principal nationalist forces which represent the parties to the conflict;

— The Arab states which are concerned with the situation and who have taken upon themselves the political, economic and military responsibilities in the face of Israeli invasion;

— The Security Council.

"Security Council resolution 444 may be the basis for restoring the power and prestige of the central government," the paper said, "but attempts to carry out the resolutions have revealed, the

nearly total absence of the Lebanese government's Arab and international policy that is necessary to carry out the resolution. Besides, the United Nations forces stationed in the country were hamstrung by orders not to advance to the Israeli borders and not to enter the Christian-controlled enclave in the south. This situation was responsible for the establishment of party militias and their defiance of central authority."

The paper called for a meeting of the Arab League Defense Council to study the situation and possible support for the Arab Deterrent Force in the light of the Lebanese government military needs to bolster its forces in the south in order to eliminate the abnormal situation represented by Saad Haddad."

"Perhaps the gravest sin of military regimes is that of extreme cruelty which knows no mercy," according to a commentary in "Al-Jazirah". "Such regimes usually ignore the voice of reason and logic and carry on their government through a sea of blood, vindictiveness and suppression of liberties. Some regimes which came to power on the pretext of fighting corruption and despotism went on to make the same mistakes, retained the misdeeds of the ousted ruler and maintained the dictatorship of the regime. The result is a series of executions for which there are no clear charges and very little right to legal redress and defense. Without due process of law, these executions are little short of murdering political opponents who were not proved guilty beyond doubt."

"We have learnt from history that a blood-stained regime soon drowns in this blood, and that those who build their rule on a foundation of skulls swiftly fall and lose their lives too. In due course, the murderer must be killed too," the paper concluded.

The Saudi — Belgian joint communiqué was significant for three reasons," according to "Al-Madina."

"It came at a time of boiling tension because of the signing of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty to show once more that a separate peace is not the proper solution. Any just solution should include the aspirations of the Palestinians and their right to self-determination."

The communiqué came to show that Saudi Arabia is keen on a just and comprehensive solution which includes self-determination for the Palestinians and the liberation of the occupied territories including Jerusalem.

The divisions between the UAE members Abu Dhabi and Dubai, were the subject of mediation by the State of Kuwait which succeeded in narrowing them," Al-

Billed said. This, shows that the divisions were not that serious. In fact the differences between the

two richest states of the union showed that they were seeking greater unity based on solid foundations. So was the resignation of the government which is necessary to strengthen the union."



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Armchair strategists determine world history on Saturday nights

By Catherine Decker

FULLERTON, California — Amid half-full cans of cola on the broad conference table sailed the pre-World War II French and Italian navies, their commanders beat over the ship in obvious concentration.

A mere three meters away, under similarly intense "generals," the German army pushed ahead in its 1942 summer offensive against the Russian stronghold of Stalingrad.

After minutes of silent observation, an exasperated spectator finally whispered:

"Who cares about evading? Just slaughter the army!"

Had the comment been overheard by the collected officers, it undoubtedly would have provoked looks of dismay—for these were Saturday-night war games, and strategy, plus a little luck, was everything.

War games are what some of the "gamers" are calling one of America's fastest-growing indoor activities.

As if to prove its popularity, war-gaming has spawned a few specialized magazines, a couple of annual conventions, at least one national association and hundreds of local rounds in the country.

Technically, war games are "conflict simulations," setups of conflicts that did happen such as the battles of World War II, con-

flicts that could have happened or conflicts that never would have happened.

The complex game of strategy brings all sorts of factors into consideration, including the size of armies, economic strength, terrain, morale and weapons of each of the countries involved. Because of the complexity, the games can take months to complete.

Some of the games are played on large maps, up to 1.5 by 2 meters, on which cardboard markers are placed, delineating where the armies, navies and supply centers are located.

Still others feature miniature artillery and weapons figures that correspond in ratio to the actual numbers of the historic army or navy.

Some players liken war games to sophisticated refinements of tactical games in which one player's success depends in part on the moves of another.

"Have you ever played Monopoly? Then you've played a war game," one gamer said. "And chess is two-player war-game."

"It's just like chess, only more realistic," another said.

Try as one might, however, it's difficult to imagine just sitting down and playing a war game. Generally, it takes more than a fair amount of time, money and research before a gamer is hooked.

Among the hooked ones are 50 members of "The Armchair

Strategists," which gathers every Saturday night at California State University Fullerton for a good 12 hours of war gaming.

There, the gamers—mostly male—can be found crouched over maps and boards, plotting their next move or anticipating the move of a counterpart.

But these are not the dyed-in-the-wool militarists that the name "war games" would imply. Instead, they say, they are mostly pacifists who believe that if wars are to be fought, countries could do well by following their example and fighting with paper markers and metal figures instead of people.

Most of the players, Jim Powell said, are well versed in history, tactics and political science and have some interest in the most popular war gaming periods—World War II and Napoleon's era.

"There's nothing more competitive or difficult than war," said Powell, a geography major at California State Polytechnic University Pomona. "It's a horrible thing when you're near it... But an interesting thing when far away."

The appeal, war gamers say, ranges from the mental challenge of plotting the demise of Germany or Russia—or the United States—to accomplishing more than the actual armies did.

Many times, war gamers have found, the results they achieve in their scientific simulations are just the opposite of the historical out-

come. "Every time we replay the battle of Midway, the United States gets demolished," Powell said. "We just lucked out (in the real battle)."

War gaming figures, such as artillerymen, cavalry and tanks,

in biblical times and until the 1800s were "the joy of the generals."

"They'd get out their miniatures and plan their strategy," he said.

In the late 1960's the games increased in popularity. And

that warm the hearts of war gamers.

A national war-gaming group, "Society of the Empire," which caters to those enthralled with Napoleonic war games, has sprung up in Arlington, Texas.

And a couple of conventions at

The fastest-growing type of war game is "fantasy" games, store owners and gamers alike agree. Basically, the fantasy games, such as "Dungeons and Dragons," offer a free-form game in which victory is not gained through combat but through the attainment of a high personality level by characters.

Larry Mahan, a 22-year-old fantasy gamer, said "D and D" appeals to him because it requires more imagination.

Mahan started playing "D and D" in 1971, after he noticed a friend enjoying the game. "I asked about it, and I was quickly addicted."

"Addicted" and "hooked" are words one hears over and over from war gamers trying to describe their attitudes toward the games. They talk of gamers who will only play one country, the one to which they've become attached. They talk of those who throw tantrums in defeat; those who "take it as a crushing blow" when Napoleon loses.

But one recent Saturday night, tempers remained cool on the third floor of Landsford Hall on the Fullerton campus.

In one room, spread across two conference tables, lay "Operation Crusader," a game highlighting the British Army's World War II offensive against Rommel's

Afrika Korps.

In another, gamers used Christmas garlands to form wooded areas and rivers on the conference-room floor, across which snaked miniature tanks representing the Russians.

Across the hall, in the most crowded room, sat hundreds of 24-millimeter foot soldiers and mounted horsemen, readying for the next battle of the Napoleonic war.

Seventeen-year-old Dan Deyo, who introduced himself as King George of England, said the gamers planned to take the armies from the year 1805 to the present, battle by battle.

Preparations and research for this stage of history, Deyo said, had taken six months. In addition to the time needed for historical research, the gamers had been hampered when the Prussian player "gave his figures to someone else," Deyo said.

Deyo, who became involved in war-gaming about three months ago, said he has so far spent \$400 in games and figures to outfit his English army.

For most, says war gamer Don Hubbard, watching Napoleon's army charge the English, the battle means a lot of time, and a lot of money, "but more enjoyment." —(LAT)



A war-gamer's hand places a Napoleonic cavalry officer in battle formation range in price from about \$2 to \$4, and games themselves range up to \$35, although the average is \$10 to \$15.

which war gamers from across the nation meet and play are held annually. One, "Origins," is sponsored by the manufacturers of gaming materials and is well known by gamers throughout the nation.

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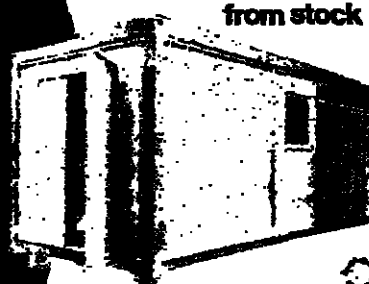
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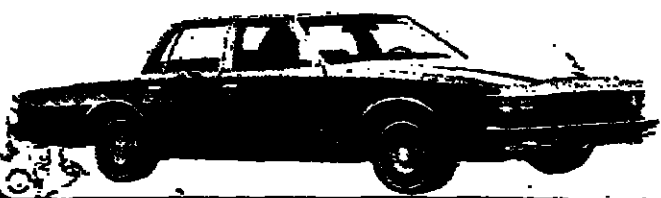
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U.S. begins checking on foreign students

By Susan Nelson
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has begun making spot checks on the 244,000 foreign students in the United States to find those who are no longer studying and send them home.

Of the foreign students here, the INS says 23,137 are Arabs, making them the second largest group of foreign students after Russians. About one third of the

Arab students are from Saudi Arabia alone.

The crackdown on illegal students has been ordered by Leon J. Castillo, INS Commissioner, who has been feeling President Carter's ire since January when Iranian students stormed the Beverly Hills, California home of the Shah's sister and mother.

Following the riot, the President directed U.S. Attorney General Griffin Bell, who has jurisdiction over INS, to make a random check of foreign students on the

Los Angeles area. Subsequently, INS learned that 22 per cent of the 500 students checked were no longer studying full-time, the requirement for a person to hold a student visa.

"There's no doubt there are an awful lot of students violating status," one INS field office director said. "The result of this directive will be more action being taken against foreign students."

INS will be checking one per cent of the foreign students in its visa files each month. In addition

to the spot checks, INS field officers will also visit at least one university in each field office area to check the school's records to learn who are actually students.

"We won't act against a 'technical' violator," INS spokesman Janet Graham said. Such a person might be a student taking less than a full load of studies because of illness or a person who has let his visa expire inadvertently.

The INS, Graham said, will be looking for the person who has knowingly overstayed his visa limits or may be working without

permission from INS. A foreign student may not work even part-time without INS permission.

Before initiating formal deportation proceedings against offenders, INS interviews the students and, if it finds them guilty, allows them to leave voluntarily.

In the fiscal year 1977, the number of students who were deported was 319, not including those who left voluntarily.

The drive to detect and remove from this country illegal students stems chiefly from public annoyance with Iranian student

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		Libya	2,208
		Morocco	142
		Oman	196
		Qatar	421
Country of Origin		Saudi Arabia	7,894
Iran — 50,583		Syria	530
Arab countries — 23,137 :		Tunisia	53
	3	United Arab Emirates	379
Abu Dhabi	1,186	Yemen (Aden)	74
Algeria	113	Yemen	10
Bahrain	1,184		
Egypt	761		
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Jordan	1,728		
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Astronaut group probes Egypt

By Bob Lebling

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — An American organization that believes a highly developed technological civilization flourished on Earth thousands of years ago, now plans to test its theory through study of the colossal stone structures of ancient Egypt.

The Chicago-based Ancient Astronaut Society, a group set up in 1973 to investigate the controversial theories of Swiss writer Erich von Daniken, plans an expedition to Egypt June 15 to study such sites as the pyramid complex at Giza and the Temple of Karnak near Luxor.

The society has already studied ancient ruins in Latin America — in Peru, Bolivia, Guatemala, Honduras and the Yucatan of Mexico. Members of the group will compare the society's Latin American findings with those made in Egypt.

Their objective is to determine whether "the Pharaohs of Egypt, the Incas of Peru and Mayan rulers of Yucatan and Central America communicated with each other 5,000 years ago," the society

said. The group believes that world-wide commerce was commonplace in ancient times — a view not shared by most professional archeologists.

In his best-selling book "Chariots of the Gods?", Von Daniken suggested that the architectural wonders of the ancient world — including the Pyramids of Egypt — were built by a technology advanced global civilization whose knowledge and skills were brought to Earth by "astronauts" from another planet.

The Ancient Astronaut Society — which has so far held five world conferences attracting Von Daniken enthusiasts from around the world — is a "non-profit, scientific, literary and educational organization" dedicated to gathering evidence to support the Swiss author's theories.

The society's Egypt expedition will include visits to the Great Pyramid, the Sphinx, Luxor, Karnak, the Valley of the Kings, and a four-day Nile cruise to Aswan and the temples of Abu Simbel.

The group plans to pass through England on its way back to the United States for a visit to Stonehenge and other megalithic sites.



A bronze cat's head (circa 3,000 B.C.), part of a collection of Egyptian artifacts at Yale University's Peabody Museum of Natural History. "Ancient Egypt: God, King and Man," as the exhibit is called, has been extended through June 13 due to popular demand.

Meissen porcelain

By Michael Getler
MEISSEN, East Germany — Directors of the world-famous Meissen Porcelain Works here say the East German, U.S. and Canadian governments are now involved in negotiations to arrange for the first display in North American cities of almost 270 years of hand-crafted porcelain treasures tucked away in vaults and museums here.

If the negotiations are successful, the display in 1981 would amount to a follow-up to the highly successful "Splendors of Dresden," an exhibit of five centuries of art that drew millions of American visitors when it toured several U.S. cities last year and this.

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Meissen porcelain, with the famous crossed blue Saxon swords

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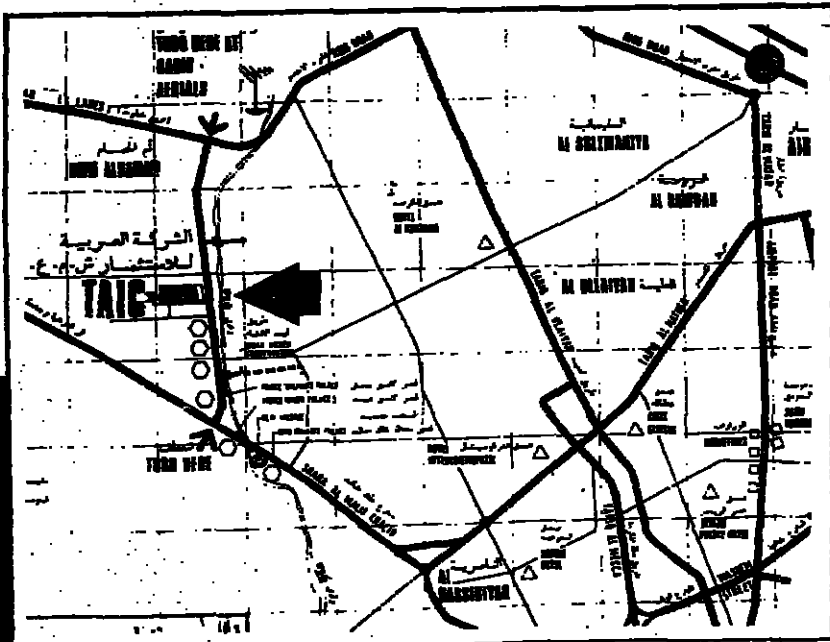
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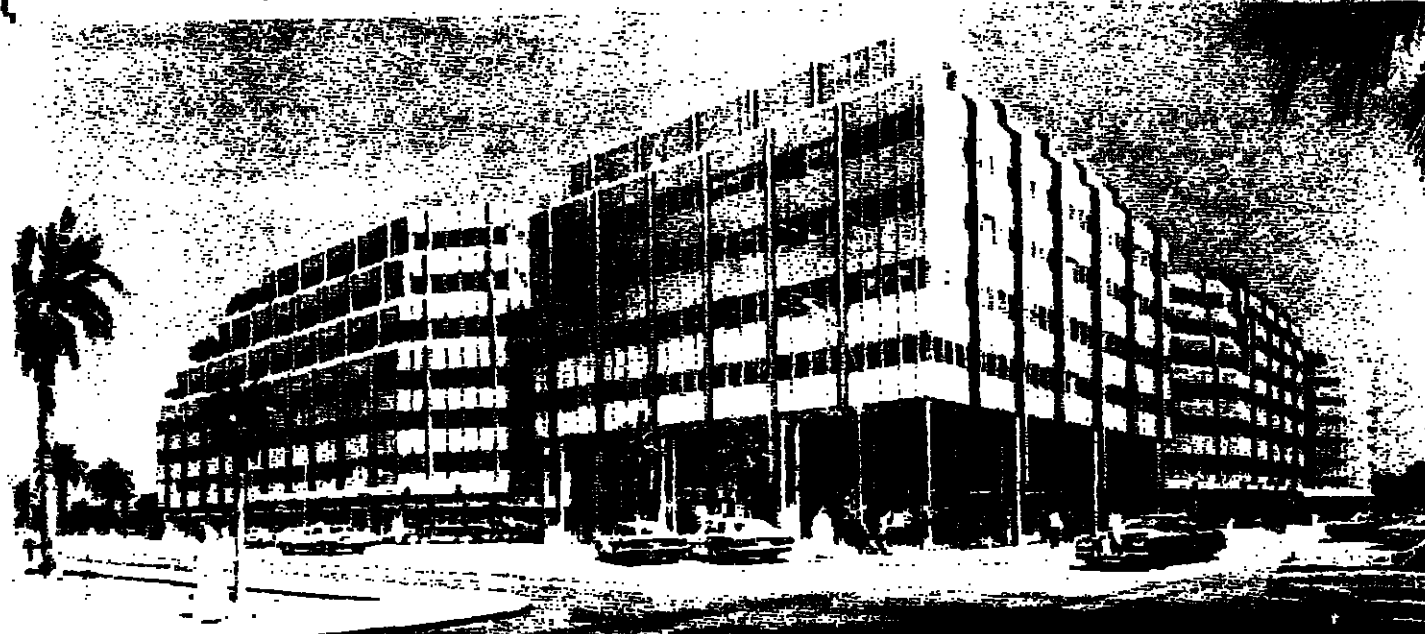
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Dusseldorf club reaches final of Europe Cup Winners' Cup

DUSSELDORF, April 27 (R) — West Germany's Fortuna Dusseldorf held off a frantic second half onslaught from Banik Ostrava to reach the final of the

European Cup Winners' cup here Wednesday night.

The Czechs, trailing 3-1 after the first leg two weeks ago, fell a further goal behind when Fortuna

defender Gerd Zewe moved up field to explode a superb 20-meter shot past Pavel Michalik.

Fortuna appeared in complete control, but after the interval Banik swarmed forward with Werner Licka equalizing in the 62nd minute.

Three minutes from time Augustin Antaluk gave the Czechs a 2-1 lead and a chance to force extra-time, but Dusseldorf clung on grimly for a 4-3 aggregate victory.

Tuesday night Borussia Monchengladbach had reached the final of the European Football Union (UEFA) cup with a 6-3 overall win over fellow West Germans MSV Duisburg.

Four other semifinal, second leg matches were played Wednesday night with all eyes on the European cup clashes in Cologne and Malmo.

In NBA playoffs

Hawks, 76ers stay alive

NEW YORK, April 27 (AP) — Defense was the difference as the no-name Atlanta Hawks and the big-name Philadelphia 76ers stayed alive in the National Basketball Association playoffs.

Both were one loss away from elimination before Thursday night's games, but both postponed their summer vacations with lopsided victories in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Steve Hawes and Eddie Johnson scored 12 points each in the second half as the scrappy Hawks beat the defending champion

Washington Bullets 104-86 to even their best-of-seven series at three victories each. The deciding game will be played Sunday in Landover, Maryland.

In the Western Conference semifinals, the Phoenix Suns were to attempt to close out their series with a victory over the Kansas City Kings Friday night at Phoenix.

The Suns took the lead in that series with a 108-94 victory at Kansas City Wednesday night, a game in which the Kings shot just 33 per cent from the field.



Lee Trevino

Conner comes from nowhere Outsider leads New Orleans golf

NEW ORLEANS, April 27 (AP) — Frank Conner, who played pro tennis before turning to golf, fired a seven-under-par 65 for the first-round lead Thursday in the \$ 250,000 New Orleans Open.

"Just one of those days when everything went right," said the 33-year-old Conner, who birdied five of the first six holes he played on the 7,040-yard Lakewood Country Club course.

In Australia

World hockey finalists decided today

PERTH, April 27 (AP) — The finalists in the World Hockey Tournament will be decided Saturday when Australia clashes with Great Britain and the Netherlands meets Pakistan in the semifinals.

In classification matches for the bottom placings Friday, New Zealand defeated Canada 5-4 on penalty flicks, India defeated Kenya 4-1 and Malaysia beat France 1-0.

After four periods of extra time, the match between New Zealand and Canada had to be decided on penalty flicks with both teams on a

2-2 draw. New Zealand got the upper hand when captain Tony Ineson flicked in the fifth goal and his goalkeeper blocked the attempt of Canada's Bublik Chohan.

India, seven times world champion, snatched a 4-1 victory over Kenya after being locked on 1-1 at half time.

Malaysia's only win in the tournament saved it from winning the wooden spoon in the match, the honor taken by France.

New Zealand will play India Sunday to decide fifth and sixth

"I was driving well. My irons were going right at the flag and I was putting good. It's a great combination, a combination. I haven't had very often in the past."

Conner, possibly the only man who has played in the U.S. open in both tennis and golf, was a decided outsider. He had not qualified for the final two rounds in his last four starts, and in four years on tour had not covered expenses.

"This was the best golf I've

ever played," he said. "I've had scores this good before, but I've never played this well."

He held a one-stroke lead over veterans Jim Colbert and Doug Tewell, tied for second at 66.

Allen Miller and Phil Hancock shot 67's in the hot, muggy, overcast weather.

Lee Trevino, who once won this event without making a bogey for 72 holes, again escaped a bogey and topped the group at 68, four under par and only three back. Also at that figure were Bruce Lietzke, Tim Simpson and Lindy Miller.

First-round scores Thursday:
Frank Conner 32-34-65
Jim Colbert 33-33-66
Doug Tewell 32-34-66
Allen Miller 33-33-66
Phil Hancock 33-34-67
Windy Miller 34-33-67
Bob Luna 34-34-68
Bobby Miller 36-32-68
Tim Simpson 35-33-68
Bruce Lietzke 32-36-68
Steve Melnyk 33-35-68
Lee Trevino 35-33-68
Bob Shearer 35-34-69
Bob Charles 33-37-70
John Lister 36-35-71



Dalglish player of year

LONDON, April 27 (R) — Liverpool's Scottish striker Kenny Dalglish has won the Footballer of the Year Award, polling more votes cast by British soccer writers than all the other candidates together. Osvaldo Ardiles was second.

He is the fourth Liverpool player in six years to win the award. Second was Ardiles, Tottenham Hotspur's Argentine midfielder, with Arsenal and Ireland's Liam Brady, voted player of the year by his fellow-players last month.

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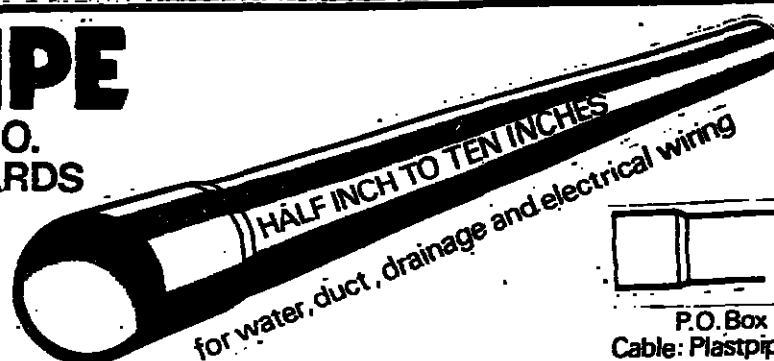
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Welterweight title fight set

NEW YORK, April 27 (AP) — Undeclared Sugar Ray Leonard will challenge Wilfredo Benitez of Puerto Rico for the World Boxing Council welterweight title in either September or October. Promoter Bob Arum said Thursday. The scheduled 15-round fight would be held in the United States.

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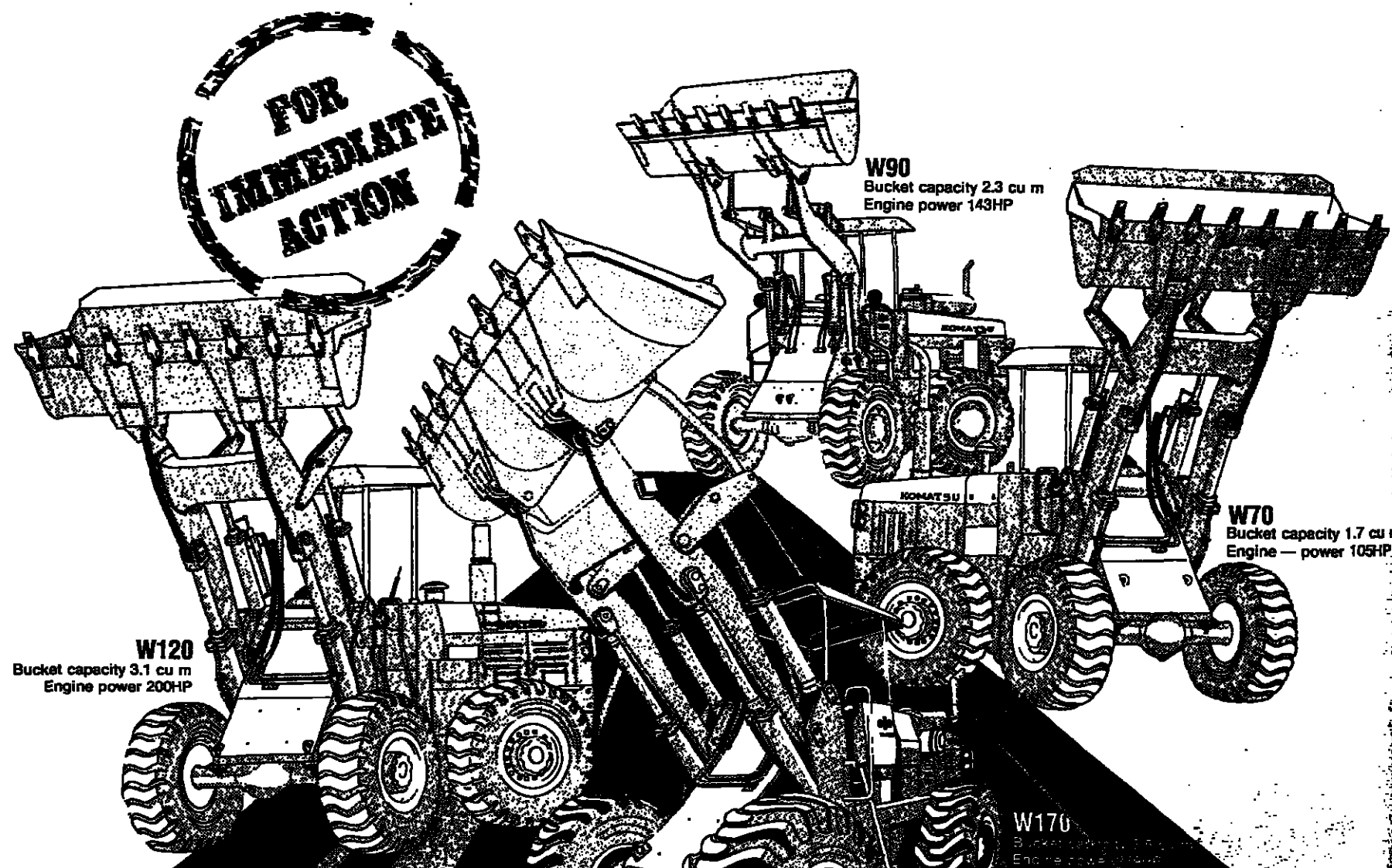
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Opening Thursday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.38	3.39	3.39
Pound Sterling	6.92	7.05	6.98
Deutsche Mark (100)	179.00	179.60	179.25
Swiss F (100)	197.00	198.00	197.50
French F (100)	78.00	78.00	78.00
Italian Lira (1000)	4.00	4.02	4.04
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	106.25	106.75
Syrian Lira (100)	—	75.50	87.10
Egyptian Pound	—	—	4.56
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.20	12.18
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.15	11.15
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	88.25	88.25
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	88.25	88.25
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.82	8.82
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	40.00	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	—	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.25	74.40
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	77.50	87.75
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.00
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.40
Gold kg	—	26,450	—
10 Tolas bar	—	3,090	—
Silver kg bar	—	—	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.55	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.96	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.12	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.65	—	—

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Saudi Arabian Government Tenders				
Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Directorate of the National Guard	Fencing with barbed wire around the cavalry camp in Khassan Al-Aan	15-98/99	500	May 12
Municipality of Jubail	Maintaining of lights in the town	—	1000	May 21
Ministry of Communications	Preventive maintenance of Qaisoumah/Neiriah and Abu Hadriah/Al-Khafji roads	—	500	May 21
"	Preventive maintenance of Qaisoumah/Arar road	—	500	May 22
Directorate of the National Guard	Constructing of three big storehouses in Riyadh	14-98/99	600	April 28
Department of Water and Sewage, Eastern Province	Supply of mobile air compressors	13-98/99	150	May 22
Municipality of Tabuk	Securing of oil and lubricating of municipality's vehicles and equipment	—	30	May 15

Stock market falls more than six points; Utilities hardest hit

NEW YORK, April 27 — Stocks drifted lower with the inability of a number of the most widely followed blue chip issues to rally, dampening trader sentiment. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed down 6.49, transports lost .97 and utilities fell .47. Volume of trading for the day was 32.5 million shares, with breadth on the negative side as losers outnumbered gainers by an almost 2 to 1 margin. The American Exchange index lost .08 to 183.43.

In the energy sector, Cities Service up 1/4 to 66 1/4, Getty Oil gained 1/4 to 46 1/4, Mobil added 1/4 to 80, Union Oil of California up 1/4 to 69 1/4, Marathon Oil added 1/4 to 75 1/4. Utility companies associated with nuclear plants remained under pressure with Duke Power off 1 1/4 to 16 1/2, Commonwealth Edison off 1/4 to 23 1/4, General Public Utilities lost 1 to 10 1/4, and Virginia Electric fell 1/2 to 12 in active trading.

Sugar and corn sweetener producers moved ahead with Amstar up 2 1/2 to 22 3/4, Holly Sugar gained 1/2 to 17 1/4, Archer Daniels up 1/4 to 17 1/4 and A.E. Staley gained 1/2 to 20 1/4.

In the papers and forest products sector, Fort Howard Paper rose 1/4 to 44 1/4, South West Forest up 1/4 to 18 1/4, Champion International gained 1/4 to 26, Great Northern Nekeosa lost 1/4 to 35 3/8, Kimberly Clark rose 1/4 to 46 1/4, and Weyerhaeuser off 1/4 to 29 1/4.

Among the growth and glamour, Merck up 1/4 to 57, Revlon off 1/4 to 46 1/4, National Medical fell 1/4 to 24 1/4, IBM down 2 1/4 to 308 1/4, Fairchild Camera advanced 8 to 52 and Procter and Gamble off 1/4 to 79 1/4.

Chemicals lost ground with DuPont off 1 1/4 to 132 1/4, Stauffer off 1/4 to 43 1/4 and Union Carbide lost 1/4 to 37 1/4.

Auto and machineries turned in a negative performance with G.M. off 1/4 to 58 1/4, Caterpillar fell 1/4 to 56 1/4, International Harvester down 1/4 to 38 1/4 and Rexnord off 1/4 to 18.

Electrical equipment and metals were off with G.E. down 1/4 to 49 1/4, Westinghouse off 1/4 to 17 1/4, Alcan fell 1/4 to 36 1/4, Reynolds off 1/4 to 37 and St. Joe Minerals lost 1/4 to 24 1/4.

Precious metals were mixed with Dome Mines up 1 1/4 to 91 1/4 and Hecla Mining down 1/4 to 10 1/4. The price of gold on the Toronto exchange closed at \$ 242.75.

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EEC to boost ties with Egypt, Israel

STRASBOURG, April 27 (R) — The Common Market should step up its links with Israel and Egypt especially through firm proposals on industry cooperation, the European parliament has decided. It approved a report by West German Christian Democrat Erik Blumenfeld welcoming the recent signing of a peace treaty between Israel and Egypt.

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Turkey, IMF continue aid talks

ANKARA, April 27 (AP) — The Turkish government and visiting officials from the International Monetary Fund have started talks aimed at a new arrangement between the fund and this economically troubled country. According to informed sources, the Turks are seeking a one-year interim agreement with the international organization in order to secure fresh credits, the fund's seal of approval for potential foreign lenders and the release of previously pledged loans. Fund officials originally pushed the concept of a new stand-by agreement for two years but they might accept the Turkish formula, sources said. Under the Turkish scheme a two-year stand-by agreement must follow the interim accord.

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Dollar hits new Tokyo high

LONDON, April 27 (AP) — The dollar hit its highest value for the year against the Japanese yen when business closed in Tokyo Friday, but was mixed in trading on European Markets. Gold prices edged up. In Tokyo, where trading ends before it begins in Europe, the dollar finished the day at 219.15 yen, more than a yen above 217.775 closing. The dollar had slipped in Tokyo on Thursday because of an expected higher consumer price index in the United States, but recovered after Japan announced a 1.2 per cent increase in its price index, higher than the U.S. one percent. The dollar was easier against the British pound, which cost \$2.0485 dollars in early trading compared with \$2.0425 at the close Thursday.

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International Finance

International Bourse, Commodities, Money and Exchange Rates

بوصفات العالم

OSLO		اسٹاکس	
	Closing April 25	Closing April 23	Price Krower
Bergan Bank	102.00	100.80	
Bergsma	82.50	77.00	
Creditbank	121.80	121.00	
Kassan	400.00	340.80	
Kreditbanken	116.00	116.80	
Norsk Hydro K&L	306.00	311.50	
Storebrand	116.80	116.35	
BRUSSELS		بروکسل	
	Closing April 26	Closing April 25	Price Fm.
Forward Market			
Arbed	428	440	
Autrienne	650	648	
Cockerill	634	629	
Reno-Lambers	1790	1790	
Can Pac	880	784	
Duclos	490	490	
De Beers	214	213	
Electrobel	6830	6840	
EDS	2190	2250	
CB&S	1470	1470	
Gervart	1384	1374	
Hoboken	3220	3200	
Industrie	4470	4535	
Royal Dutch	2085	2070	
Sifco	848	850	
Soc. Gen. Belgique	2025	2015	
Solvay	3010	3095	
Solvay A	2620	2685	
Tanganyika Cons.	132	122	
Umicore	520	514	
Vale Montagne	1760	1750	
CASH MARKET		کیش مارکیٹ	
Assurances Gen.	8800	8550	
Nord Matat	7040	6910	
Soc. Gen. Banque	3150	3210	
DUBLIN		ڈبلن	
	Closing April 26	Closing April 25	Price Fm.
Aldon (FL20)	105.20	106.00	
Alcan (FL20)	30.28	30.90	
Alcan (FL20)	207.00	204.00	
AMEV (FL10)	98.00	97.60	
Amstarbank (FL20)	74.90	75.40	
Bijlert	83.50	83.20	
Bois de Wille (FL20)	110.00	110.00	
Bols	68.00	67.00	
Bulmar Tektore	70.20	70.00	
Chemical-NDI (FL20)	207.00	204.00	
Ensis N.V. Beaver	145.50	145.80	
Euro-Com Tel (FL10)	71.50	71.50	
Gal Brucanovs (FL10)	30.20	30.50	
Glenn (FL20)	90.00	90.00	
Hogevans (FL20)	30.00	32.00	
Hunter D. (FL100)	23.40	23.20	
J.L.M. (FL100)	112.00	111.00	
Ind. Muller (FL20)	39.40	39.00	
Nat. Ned. (FL10)	114.30	113.50	
Nat. Cred Bank (FL20)	57.00	57.00	
Alcan (FL20)	207.00	204.00	
Oce (FL20)	168.50	176.50	
Ogen (FL10)	21.90	22.30	
Van Omsel	180.00	181.00	
Pulbrook (FL20)	67.00	67.00	
Phalpin (FL10)	25.90	26.30	
Rijn Sch. Ver. (FL100)	30.00	30.00	
Robson (FL20)	162.00	162.00	
Rolento (FL20)	132.50	132.50	
Rorico (FL20)	122.00	122.00	
Royal Dutch (FL20)	122.00	122.00	
Shimberg	260.00	259.50	
Tokys Pac. Hids.	126.00	126.00	
Unilever (FL100)	128.00	128.00	
Van der Vliet	161.00	159.00	
Voller Stevia	80.50	81.50	
West. Eur. Hypoc.	388.00	388.00	
LONDON		لندن	
	Closing April 25	Closing April 23	Price Krower
Agn AB (Kr. 40)	120	120	
Alfa AB (Kr. 50)	120	120	
ASEA (Kr. 50)	65.50	66.50	
Atlas Copco Kr. 25	93.00	94.00	
Banque Paribas	120	119	
Carde	170	174	
Celintel	252	252	
Electrolux	107	107	
Ericson "B" (Kr. 50)	130	131	
Essoite (Fm)	149	149	
Finlandia	121	123	
Granges (Free)	51.80	52	
Hamelnbank	347	346	
Imat	140	140	
Imo Osh Denko	82.00	84.80	
Sandvik "B" Kr. 100	230	225	
SKF "B" Kr. 50	59	59	
Stora	139	142	
Tandberg "B" Kr. 50	67.00	68.00	
Unileverbank	64.00	64.50	
Valeo (Kr. 50)	86	86	
STOCKS		اسٹاکس	
	Closing April 25	Closing April 23	Price Krower

LONDON NEW YORK

April 26

Range

April 26 Opening Prices

USA

2,040.60-2,040.70

Canada

2,239.6-2,240.5

France

8,924.5-8,925.25

Belgium

61.69-61.70

Italy

172.00-172.00

Holland

4,938.4-4,939.0

Switzerland

3,897.5-3,898.5

West Germany

3,875.5-3,876.5

Sweden

8,992.5-8,993.5

Norway

10,530.00-10,530.00

Denmark

10,530.00-10,530.00

Austria

28.35-28.43

Portugal

99.75-100.85

Spain

138.15-138.45

Japan

10,530.00-10,530.00

Ireland

1,013.15-1,014.00

N.Y. DOLLAR CROSS RATES

April 26

Guillem

2,025.5

Belgian Franc

38.1200

Belgium

1.89

Hong Kong Dollar

5.1779

French Franc

4.8325

Indian Lira

845.10

Swiss Franc

1.7163

DOW JONES STOCK AVERAGES

April 26

30 Industrials

866.68

DN 6.78

20 Transport

232.71

DN 0.16

10 Utilities

102.38

UP 0.10

65 Stocks

254.87

DN 0.14

DN 0.02%

New York — (AP-DJ) — The stock market put in a firm day in moderately active trading and closed slightly higher Wednesday.

President Jimmy Carter said that inflation would continue for months at least and that his anti-inflation programme is the only way in which to bring it under control.

The Treasury now says 94% notes paid a small 432 points to 99.9153 bid, 100 1/2 bid, to reduce the yield to about 9.73%.

The Treasury said the 94% notes were sold at an average 9.74% return in 2 years.

Indicative of the 12 million elsewhere in the market market was the closing of the small sell orders at about \$2.25 a share.

One others list included mostly high-grade and medium-grade issues.

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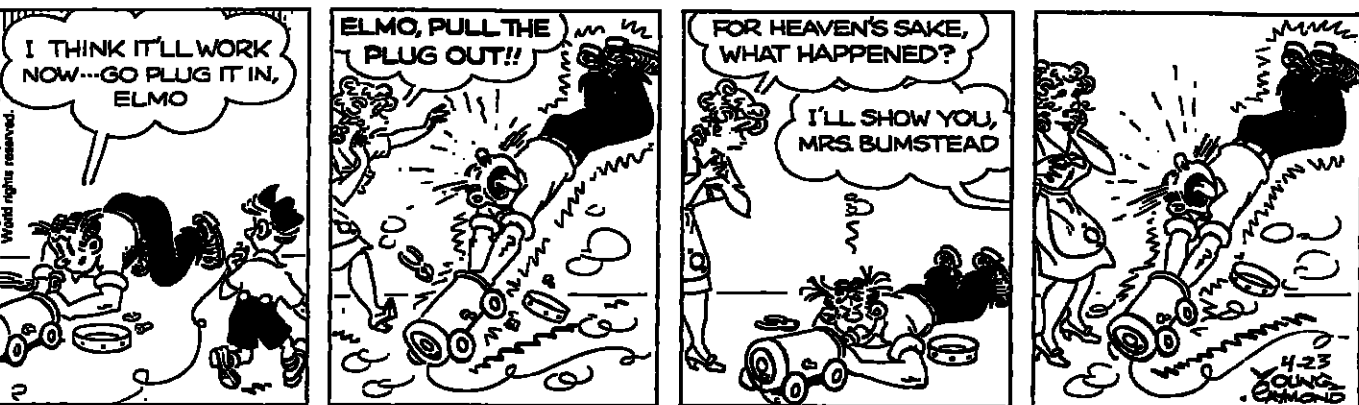
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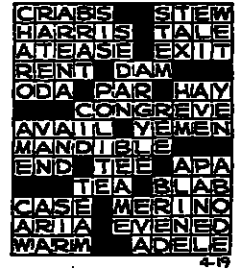
Dennis the Menace



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS
- 1 Wanderer (complain)
 - 2 Salivary or lymph piece
 - 3 "Robig—" star
 - 4 Transistor or portable
 - 5 Lost pace
 - 6 James Bond, 4 Arab country
 - 7 Grievous crime
 - 8 Bridal number
 - 9 Overfill
 - 10 Good luck object
 - 11 Manhandle
 - 12 Person of large size
 - 13 Hair care product
 - 14 Final word
 - 15 Parlor piece
 - 16 Depraved
 - 17 Laid
 - 18 Cuban hero
 - 19 Put into law
 - 20 Fugitive's address
 - 21 Pugnacious setting
 - 22 Mornay, e.g.
 - 23 Of punishment
 - 24 Join in
 - 25 DOWN
 - 26 Famous cartoonist
 - 27 Frankfurt's river
 - 28 Riot control item



Yesterday's Answer

- 22 One and only
- 23 Fellow
- 24 Engage
- 25 Actress
- 26 Barbara
- 27 Ethnic group
- 28 High-strung
- 29 Behold! Lat.
- 30 Impale, e.g.
- 31 Girl's name

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXE is LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

OWG UVO PA LASAHXAL HR
OWG ETGKE EWW UGSN. PGE
OWG FDD DEXA HJ EWTUJE
HR OWG LWJE ETGKE
AJWGCN. — RTVJB STVJA
Yesterday's Cryptquote: THERE ARE SEVERAL GOOD PROTECTIONS AGAINST TEMPTATION, BUT THE SUREST IS COWARDICE — MARK TWAIN

Believe It or Not!



Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker

How to Capture a Damsel

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 9 6
♥ 10 5 3
♦ A K Q 7 2
♣ Q 10

EAST
♠ Q 7 4
♥ Q 8 6 4
♦ 10 8
♣ K J 9 8

SOUTH
♠ A K 10 8 5 2
♥ J 8
♦ 6 4
♣ A 7 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ Pass 2♣ Pass
2♦ Pass 4♦ Pass

Opening lead—king of hearts.

Whenever declarer is missing Q-x-x of a suit, he faces the question of whether to cash the A-K, hoping to first cash the ace or king and then finesse the jack, hoping thus to capture the diamond. The problem comes up with disturbing frequency, and the generally accepted rule is that declarer should cash the A-K rather than rely on the finesse. But this is a mathematical concept only, and one should not allow it to override the tactical considerations that arise during the play of a particular hand.

The fact is that the odds favoring the drop are very slight to begin with, and declarer should be willing to abandon the mathematical odds whenever the circumstances indicate that that is the right thing to do.

Here is a typical case, where West leads the K-A and another heart. Let's say declarer ruffs, plays the ace of trumps, enters dummy with a diamond, and leads the jack of trumps on which East follows low.

South's correct play is to finesse the jack. If he does, he makes the contract; if he doesn't, he goes down. Declarer should reason that if he plays the king and the queen does not fall, he will probably fail in his mission unless he finds the diamonds divided 3-3.

But if he chooses to finesse, he makes the contract not only when East has the queen of trumps, but also when West has the queen and the diamonds are divided either 3-3 or 4-2. In the latter case, declarer can establish an extra diamond trick by ruffing one of dummy's low diamonds, eventually using dummy's nine of trumps as an entry to cash the fifth diamond.

ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

Saturday	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	4:37	5:58	12:25	3:47	6:47	8:17
Medina	4:31	5:48	12:27	3:54	6:52	8:22
Nejd	4:03	5:29	11:58	3:24	6:22	7:52

DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Children's Show
6:30 George Kirby Show
6:54 Welcome Back Kotter
7:25 Rickford Files
8:13 NFL Football

Sesame Street: No. 1082
Nancy Wilson
Kotter For Vice Principal
Rattler's Class Of 63
Highlights: No. 12,
Minn. Vs. L.A.

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours:
Moderate weather to prevail over most regions, but the temperatures will show a gradual rise over the northwestern region where active southerly winds will cause dusty conditions as well as poor visibility. The central and southern regions will also be affected by moderate southerly winds.

Sea conditions will be moderate to medium in the territorial waters.

Mecca	37	24	Tabuk	34	15
Jeddah	34	25	Al-Jauf	27	13
Riyadh	32	18	Arar	28	12
Dhahran	31	23	Bisha	32	20
Medina	36	23	Yanbu	34	23
Taif	32	19	Abha	25	13

SAUDI RADIO

Afternoon Transmission
2:00 Opening
2:01 The Holy Quran
2:05 Gems of Guidance
2:10 S.A. — Historical Notes
2:20 On Islam
2:30 Hits in Germany
3:00 NEWS
3:10 Press Review
3:15 Music
3:20 Islamic Activities
3:30 Leaps and Bounds
3:40 Music
3:50 Close Down

Evening Transmission
10:00 Opening
10:01 The Holy Quran
10:05 Meccage to the Faithful
10:10 Light Music
10:15 NEWS
10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
10:30 Melody Makers
11:00 Youth Welfare
11:10 Music
11:15 Hot Rock
11:45 The Golden Age
12:00 Imp. Com. & Recollections
12:10 Music
12:15 Mood Music
12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
01:00 Close Down

VOA

P.M.
8:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities; Opinion; Analyses
8:30 Dateline News Summary
9:00 Special English: News; Feature: The Making of a Nation
9:30 Music USA: (Standards)
0:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities

10:05 Opinion: Analyses
News Summary
10:30 VOA Magazine: America; Science; Cultural; Letter
11:00 Special English: News
11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
VOA WORLD REPORT
Midnight
12:00 News newsmakers' voices correspondents reports background features media comments news analyses.

BBC

Morning Transmission
8:00 World News
8:09 *Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
8:30 *Sarah Ward
8:45 World Today
9:00 Newsdesk
9:30 *Opera Star
10:00 World News
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
10:30 *Sarah Ward
10:45 *Something to Show You
11:00 World News
11:09 Reflections
11:15 Piano Style
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978
12:00 World News
12:09 British Press Review
12:15 World Today
12:30 Financial News
12:40 Look Ahead
12:45 The Tony Myatt Request Show

Evening Transmission
1:15 Ulster in Focus
1:30 Discovery
2:00 World News
2:09 News about Britain
2:15 Alphabet of Musical Curios
2:30 Sports International
2:40 Radio Newsreel
3:15 Promenade Concert
3:45 Sports Round-up
4:00 World News
4:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

4:30 The Pleasure's Yours
5:15 Report on Religion
6:00 Radio Newsreel
6:15 *Outlook
7:00 World News
7:09 Commentary
7:15 *Sherlock Holmes
7:45 World Today
8:00 World News
8:09 *Books and Writers
8:30 *Take One
8:45 Sports Round-up
9:00 World News
9:09 News about Britain
9:15 Radio Newsreel
9:30 Farming World
10:00 Outlook News Summary
10:39 Stock Market Report
10:43 Look Ahead
10:45 Ulster in Focus
11:00 World News
11:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
11:30 The Pleasure's Yours
Midnight Transmission
12:15 Talkabout
12:45 Nature Notebook
1:00 World News
1:09 World Today
1:25 Financial News
1:35 Book Choice
1:40 Reflections
1:45 Sports Round-up
2:00 World News
2:09 Commentary
2:15 The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

FRANCIS DRAKE

FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
A planned get-together may have to be canceled because of extra work. Don't let worry affect health. Get proper rest.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
Slight financial benefits may be gained now, but a romantic outing may not measure up to your expectations. Inwardly, you're disappointed.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
The needs of family members may cause you to cut short a social engagement. It's not the best time to invite others over.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21) ♋
An inner disappointment makes it hard for you to be the life of the party. Don't let depression or inhibited feelings take hold.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22) ♌
If traveling an unexpected expense could get you down. You may feel that the cost of keeping up with the Joneses is exorbitant.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
You may feel there's too much responsibility already on your shoulders for you to get further involved in a business venture.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
You finally get things worked out to your satisfaction, only to learn that your help is required elsewhere. Expect changes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
A friend can be rather persistent in asking for your help. What's more, you may feel that you can't say no to this request.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
Erratic behavior on the part of a loved one could get you down. Career obligations may conflict with entertainment plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
Don't worry yourself sick about a distant matter. Drilling on romantic disappointments can spoil the potential joy of the present.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
Affectional matters are satisfactory to a point, but something happens to dampen your enthusiasm. Joint finances could get you down.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
A mate or close ally may disapprove of your spending habits. A new purchase may not be particularly agreeable. Avoid disputes.

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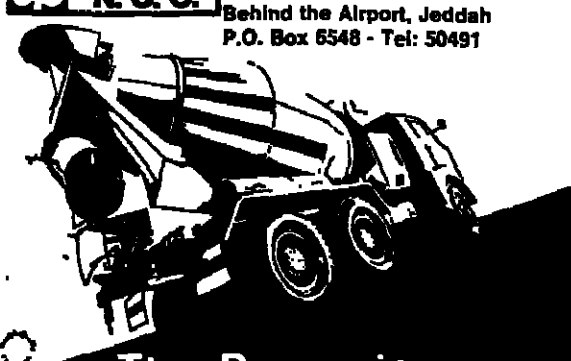
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Chrysler chief denies rumors of cutting ties with Mitsubishi

TOKYO, April 27 (AP) — Chrysler Corp. President Lee Iacocca Friday said contrary to news reports his company will continue to act as the U.S. distributor for Mitsubishi Motors.

Japanese press reports have indicated Mitsubishi suffered a decline in sales in the United States market because Chrysler's own new line of smaller fuel-efficient cars compete with the Mitsubishi models in Chrysler showrooms.

U.S. 1980 budget to give boost to defense spending

WASHINGTON, April 27 (AP) — The U.S. Senate has approved a 1980 budget that allows military spending to rise but requires reductions in many social programs.

The higher spending level for defense would allow President Jimmy Carter to keep his commitment to European allies that the United States will increase spending for defense "in the region of 3 per cent" a year.

But that commitment, coupled with public pressure to fight inflation by reducing the federal deficit, would force numerous social programs to hold spending to this year's levels. After inflation of prices is considered, that would result in effective reduction of money available for those programs.

The Senate approved its version of a 1980 budget on a 64-20 vote

Iacocca said in Tokyo, "Our products are complimentary." Iacocca said, "Maybe in 1981 or 1982 we will review our distribution arrangements but for the time being they are adequate."

Reports had earlier indicated Mitsubishi might go ahead and set up its own distribution network in the United States possibly with Chrysler cooperation. Chrysler has a 15 percent share in Mitsubishi Motors.

In a separate news conference

arranged for Japanese reporters, Mitsubishi Motors President Tomio Kubo was reported to have been displeased with the outcome of negotiations with Chrysler on independent Mitsubishi distributorships. The Japanese-language Kyodo News Service reported Kubo had handed in his resignation and the agency said, "Kubo appeared to have wanted to achieve an independent distributorship before leaving the company."

An executive of the Japanese automobile firm said, "We are still discussing the distributor issue." A spokesman for Mitsubishi said, "We expect a slight decline in the export of U.S.-bound cars this year."

Last year Mitsubishi was reported to have found a listless market in the U.S. but sales in the latter half of 1978 picked up. Total sales volume for the year declined by 15 percent, although sales of new models in March 1979 have resulted in a 247 percent increase over the same month last year.

Iacocca said he had great hopes for the Omni, a light, U.S.-built Chrysler vehicle, Mitsubishi is selling in Japan. About 1,500 Omnis are expected to be sold by 126 dealers for prices ranging between \$8,450 and \$10,650.

Asked about the high price of the Omnis in Japan, Iacocca said, "Non-tariff barriers are a problem but then so is the low volume that we can supply" the Chrysler chief executive said.



STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND: Seattle, Washington got a glimpse of China when the ship Lia Lin Hai arrived recently and a crew member got a look at America. It was the first arrival of a Chinese ship since the two nations formally established diplomatic relations on the first day of 1979. (AP photo)

22 rebels reported killed

31 SWAPO members detained

WINDHOEK, Namibia, April 27 (AP) — Security forces arrested 31 members of the internal wing of the black nationalist South-West African Peoples Organization on Friday, police here confirmed.

The detentions, which included three top SWAPO leaders: came on the heels of a report that 22 guerrillas of SWAPO's external wing had been killed in the past two days.

The toll was unusually high for a 12-year bush war that reportedly has claimed several hundred lives in the South African-administered territory.

SWAPO's external wing has been fighting a war for control of the territory from bases in Angola. But the internal wing has been allowed to continue operations, although sources had predicted this week that it would be banned.

South Africa's administrator-general for the territory, M.T. Steyn, prompted the speculation by saying steps would be taken to contain SWAPO's "total onslaught" against the territory. His comments followed several recent guerrilla assaults.

Being held were: Lucia Hamutenya, secretary for legal affairs; Marco Hausin, vice-chairman of the Windhoek branch, and Charles Tjienda, spokesman for the Windhoek branch, as well as 28 other members of the group.

Earlier Friday, the military reported on the killings of the 22 guerrillas. The toll was unusually high for a 12-year bush war with black nationalists in which fighting reportedly has claimed only several hundred deaths within

the South African-administered territory.

The communiqué said security forces, who suffered no casualties, also seized large amounts of weapons and ammunition.

It provided few details, saying the deaths had occurred in several operations.

The report came as the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance, which controls the territorial assembly, was reassessing its plans to set up an interim government in preparation for independence.

U.N. council starts special session on Rhodesian election

UNITED NATIONS, April 27 (R) — The Security Council was called into session Friday to debate last week's Rhodesian elections, which the 15-nation body has already declared null and void.

Earlier Friday, African nations demanded an urgent meeting of the council to debate the Rhodesian elections.

The call came in a one-sentence note from Francois Sangare of the Ivory Coast, Africa group chairman, to council president Ole Algaard.

He said only that the council should consider "recent developments in Southern Rhodesia" but the African states are understood to want a pledge that economic sanctions against Rhodesia will be continued.

They are also believed to want the council to reaffirm a declaration that the majority rule elections are null and void.

The move surprised some observers, coming so soon after the elections with the emergence of Bishop Abel Muzorewa as Rhodesia's first black prime minister.

Black Africa had been thought more likely to wait until Rhodesia completes the constitutional process at the end of May before making a move.

The reason could be black African concern over mounting pressure in Britain and the United States to call off the 13-year-old economic blockade of the

breakaway British colony, some sources said.

One U.S. senator has already introduced a bill that would stop President Jimmy Carter continuing sanctions by executive order.

In Britain, a Conservative victory in next week's general elections could also bring a shift toward recognizing Muzorewa's new administration.

Meanwhile, "The Rhodesia Herald" newspaper reported Friday that a Swiss priest was injured Wednesday by a grenade tossed at him while he was planting trees in the backyard of his home in the central Rhodesian town of Gwelo.

Saleh promises to crack down on subversives

SANAA, April 27 (R) — North Yemen President Ali Abdullah Saleh said Thursday night his armed forces would strike hard against those elements which tried to create dissension or sectarianism.

Addressing his nation on the eve of armed forces day, Saleh said every soldier was committed to defending the 1962 September revolution and the republican government.

Saleh, who met his South Yemen counterpart in Kuwait late last month, also said the country was heading toward "a decisive stage which will mark Yemen unity."

Vajpayee ends Washington visit

India wants U.S. to keep uranium pledge

NEW DELHI, April 27 (R) — India hopes the United States will abide by contractual obligations to supply it with enriched uranium until 1993, External Affairs Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee said Friday.

But Vajpayee, speaking on his return from a three-day visit to Washington, said President Jimmy Carter told him supplies would be a problem after March next year.

Under legislation passed by Congress last year, uranium sup-

plies for the Tarapur atomic plant near Bombay will stop in March 1980 unless India accepts international safeguards on its nuclear operation.

Vajpayee said he had asked members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to be more pragmatic and practical in their approach.

India would pursue the matter with the U.S. government, he said. The United States, in an attempt to stop nuclear proli-

feration on the Indian sub-continent recently cut off aid to Pakistan, claiming it had evidence Pakistan was building a nuclear plant capable of producing weapons-grade nuclear materials.

Vajpayee said the United States felt it would be easier to dissuade Pakistan from building the plant if India accepted safeguards on its nuclear facilities.

But he said India could not accept such safeguards if the world remained divided into what he called nuclear haves and have-nots.



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Tyre sabotage operation blamed on Israel frogmen

TYRE, April 27 (R) — Saboteurs believed to have been Israeli frogmen planted underwater explosives on a Lebanese-owned freighter Friday and sank it at anchor off this southern port, Lebanese leftist sources reported.

They said the vessel, identified as the Tareq, was carrying no cargo and no casualties were reported.

According to the sources, Israeli gunboats were steaming off the coast just before the 5 a.m.

Child molestor executed in Abha Friday

ABHA, April 27 (SPA) — A man identified as Mughrim ibn Hamad ibn Dubian Assid was executed here Friday for the kidnapping and rape of a six-year-old boy, the Ministry of the Interior reported.

According to the ministry statement, the executed man brought the boy to a ravine, assaulted him and left him bleeding.

Mughrim was arrested and confessed the crime before a judge of the summary court in Abha, the ministry said.

A Royal order was then issued for his shooting by firing squad, and it was carried out here Friday, the statement said.

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address the 15-nation body. There was no debate on the presidential statement, the text of which was approved in prior private consultations.

Algaard said Council members shared the views expressed by Waldheim about what should be done towards full implementation of its objectives and emphasized the importance of deploying UNIFIL in all parts of southern Lebanon.

Members considered that the continuation of those efforts called for in Council resolutions on Lebanon ultimately should lead to the return of the Lebanese government's effective authority over all its territory.

Prince
being strengthened to fight in Arab wars, but to strike the Israeli occupiers of Arab territories and the holy places of Islam.

He also called on other Arab governments not to sacrifice their rights for the sake of alien ideologies, "but instead should seek to serve their people."

"All Arabs and Muslims," Prince Sultan added, "should adhere to Islamic precepts."

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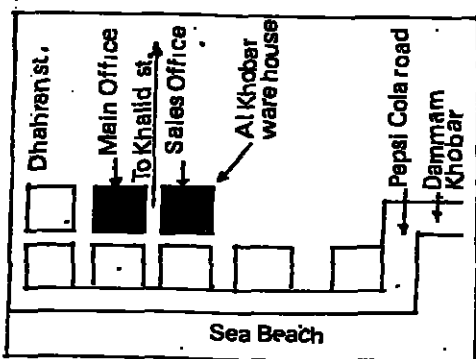
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